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### Next Up

LCR Launch Party!  
Kemoll's Top of  
the Met  
April 13th  
1 Metropolitan Sq,  
downtown  
St. Louis - parking  
in the lower level.  
Call the LLS @:  
800.264.2873  
for reservations

### Sailing Definition:

**Hazard:** Any boat over 2 feet in length, the skipper of any such boat, the body of water surrounding that boat and any body of land, boat or object within 100 yards of that boat, in that body of water.



### From the Commodore:

Hello to all the TYC sailors out there at Tradewinds Marina. I'd like to thank you for electing me to serve as your Commodore for this coming year. Our sailing season is approaching quickly and I know everyone is getting excited. I believe some exciting changes will be taking place in our marina this year, so keep tuned in for updates.

My staff and I are working hard to make this year fun-filled as well as relaxing for our members. If any of you have suggestions/ideas for our club please let me know about them. We welcome any suggestions, creative ideas and even constructive criticism! I am looking forward to meeting all of our new members as well as catching up

with the long-time members after this long, cold Winter.

We are already looking forward to our first Leukemia Cup Regatta event, the LCR Launch Party at the "Top of the Met" in downtown St. Louis on Tuesday, April 13th, 6 pm.

May the wind always be your kind of wind.

~ **Bonnie DiMercurio**  
Commodore

### TYC 2009 Winter Gala Photos - more inside...





# START LINE R



## Greetings, All.

I hope the winter has not been too rough on everybody. Spring is only a little over a month off and a lot has to be done to prepare for the upcoming season. Some of us are

still basking in the glow of last season. Victors of the 2009 spring season-

third place went to Craig

Swann, second place to Steve Hollingsworth and first place to Bruce and Jan Cowin. Fall Series went to third place, Bruce and Jan Cowin, second to Steve Hollingsworth and first to Bob Howard.

The upcoming race series promises to be more competitive with the return to racing of Dan Sargent with SirVeyor II and Bob

Bourgeois with Plumb Fun. If we have the same participation in 2010 that we had this past year and with rapidly rising race stars like Craig Isom and Craig Swann, the 2010 season promises to

be the best season in our 6 year history.

No appreciable changes to our race program are being considered and the upcoming program will follow the same format as last year's program.. We have scheduled plenty of double headers and will keep the one hour maximum race course policy. One major change will be to our Commodore's Cup. This year the race will be limited to a

maximum of three hours and the course shortened considerably from year's past. This should give our neighbors on the other end of the lake more time to make it up to Keyesport for the dinner following the cup race.

In the meantime, remember that all racers must complete a new race declaration. This is required as the physical status of each boat may change during the year. If you buy new sails, eliminate a roller furler, buy a slip rather than dry sail, etc., it will affect your handicap number and this must be taken into

consideration to insure the fairness of competition. If you are contemplating a change to rig or hull and are unsure if the change will affect your handicap number feel free to call me at any time and I will make

up a suitable answer to your question. (By the way, I drink single malt scotch)

Before the season begins do not forget to check your rigs for wear and tear that may cause damage. Remember, in the heat of battle we all push our boats to the max. Check your mast tabernacles, connections on your shrouds and stays, look for worn areas and broken stitching, loose grommets or slides, bent shackles, loose screws attaching tracks and eyes, etc. An hour or two of pre-race inspection will save a lot of problems later.

See you at the Start Line.

**~Tony DiMercurio**  
**Racing Chairman**



## Spring Series:

June 5 - Race 1      June 19 - Races 2 & 3  
July 11 - Races 4 & 5      July 24 - Race 6



# Marina News

## Trade Winds Marina to Expand

by Jason Eveland

The Army Corps of Engineers has received funding for the harbor expansion project for Trade Winds Marina and has awarded a contract for the work to be done on the breakwater walls. The work is to start by March 1st, weather and water levels permitting. The target completion is less than 60 days after starting, but again, weather and water levels will be a big impact to the speed of accomplishing the work.

The open harbor will be doubled in size, with the south wall being relocated on the other side of the haul-out pit and a new lake-side wall extended in-line with the current wall. There will be an opening along the outer wall to allow a second entrance to the harbor. The work will have as little impact to operations and use of the marina as possible if the walls can be moved before the boats on the hard start launching.

When the harbor breakwaters are finished, the new docks will start being installed. The new docks will be identical to our current docks - main docks from



Notional future view of the open harbor  
(Google Satellite view altered by Lee Högman)

the shore with finger docks forming slips on each side. This project will add at least 72 more slips to Trade Winds Marina, bringing the total number of slips to 190. This was the approximate number of slips the ACE presented in the marina development proposal that Greg Kintz and Terry Alexander signed up to. The new total number of slips in the open harbor will be just over 150, with a few of them reserved for transients and marina management use.

The ACE is also going to accomplish the dredging in the marina harbors. They had planned to dredge Trade Winds last Fall, but the lake level rose and stayed high almost all Winter so far. Our harbor dredging is expected to start as soon as the ice melts.. The corps will also continue the project to add rock to the levies in our part of the lake. 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.

Trade Winds will continue to offer Kayak rentals and **we are introducing our affiliation with a new sailing club offered by Flagship Sailing.** Kayaks can be rented daily or on a club basis. The daily rental fees are based on occupancy. A single kayak rents for \$30 1/2 day and \$40 full day, the rates for the doubles are \$40 1/2 day and \$60 full day. The kayak club consists of a flat fee of \$100 for the entire season which gives the club member access to the kayaks any time during operating hours.



The sailing club works in a similar way, for a monthly fee of \$200, club member has access to boats here at Tradewinds on Carlyle Lake as well as boats in St. Petersburg, Florida and Muskegon, Michigan. Members must contract with Flagship Sailing for the 1st year, then continue membership each month thereafter with payment. For more information folks can check-out their website: [www.flagshipsailing.com](http://www.flagshipsailing.com) or can contact me at 618-749-5649.

If anyone has any questions or needs clarification on anything, please come visit or give me a call. Either I or Kyle will be available at the marina until 5 every day until the season starts.

Thanks,

Jason Eveland

Tradewinds Marina

*by Bonnie DiMercurio*

The TYC Membership meeting was held to provide everyone with a status of the club, present awards and welcome the 2010 officers and board members into their respective positions.

Vice Commodore: **Bonnie DiMercurio**

Sail Fleet Captain: **Tony DiMercurio**

Season Opener & Customer Appreciation Party - Sponsored by **Greg Kintz & Terry Alexander**, hosted by **Lynda Chaney**

Luau – Lisa DiMercurio &amp; Tessa Peterein

Pirates Party – Lee Högman &amp; Karen Morris

Halloween Party - **Bill Gau & Ellie Luetkemeyer**

**Mr. Greg Kintz** provided the Marina Report for this coming year, with explaining some of the major projects being accomplished this year by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Kaskaskia Watershed Association. He

**Jan & Bruce Cowin**  
then provided our TYC  
financial report, stating

**Tony DiMercurio** followed with a report on the TYC Racing Program and presentation of the 2009 racing awards:

**Spring Series: Craig Swann, Steve Hollingsworth and Bruce**

**Fall Series: , Bruce & Jan Cowin, Steve Hollingsworth and Bob Howard** took honors for this series.

**& Jan Cowin** took honors for this series.

**Craig Swann** presented the **TYC Member of the Year Award** to **Bruce & Jan Cowin**. Bruce & Jan have been members since the start of the club and both have

served as officers and party hosts, jumped in to play music, cook, clean and help at parties and join in club raft-ups and events wherever TYC has been. Taking yet another season as Secretary/Treasurer is just

another example of  
their commitment  
and service to TYC!  
Thank you!

**The Commodore Flag** was then presented to **Bonnie**, by **Grimey** to pass the Charge of Command of TYC to

Bonnie for the coming 2010 season. Once the change of





Commodores was complete, **Bonnie** introduced **Theresa Hollingsworth** as her **Vice Commodore**, **Jan & Bruce Cowin** repeating another term as **Sec./Tres.**, **Tony DiMercurio**, also repeating another term as **Race Chair** and the new **Board of Directors**, **Craig Swann**, **Todd Miller** and **Dave Grimes**.

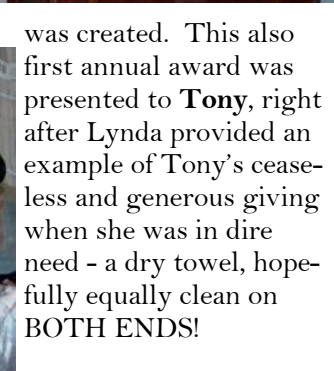
**Lynda Chaney** then took center stage and with **Craig**, made some awards to bring ever more humor and fun to the evening. Lynda explained the new "Great Scott" Award as one from the Star Trek TV shows and movies,

where Scotty was always saving Captain Kirk. She explained that "our" Scotty deserving of the award this year who steps in and "saves" us all is **Bonnie DiMercurio** -

recipient of the **First Annual Great Scott Award**, for always "rescuing" us from Tony!

Lynda wasn't finished! In an effort to also recognize courage in the face of another's helplessness, ignorance or plain ol' just-needin'-a-hand and the extraordinary efforts provided by a club member to help all those around him (or her) whether they wanted the help or not, the "Grand Poohbah" Award

was created. This also first annual award was presented to **Tony**, right after Lynda provided an example of Tony's ceaseless and generous giving when she was in dire need - a dry towel, hopefully equally clean on **BOTH ENDS!**







Our Launch Party for the Leukemia Cup Regatta will be held at Kemoll's Top of the Met located at 211 N. Broadway, 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor 63102. Advance reservations are \$25 or \$30 at the door. Our guest speakers are Anna Tunnacliffe & Gary Jobson. Anna is an Olympic Gold Medalist and was named Rolex Yachswoman of the Year. And Gary as we all know is the ESPN Commentator, LLS National Chairman and President of US Sailing. This event will be **Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010** from

6:30 to 10 PM. It will include open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Free parking is available if you enter the garage from Pine Street Kemoll's Restaurant entrance. Please call the **LLS at 314.878.0780 or 800.264.2873** to make your reservations. You can also ask them how to raise money on a special website. It makes it very easy to raise money for your personal total using this tool. If everyone raised just \$100 we would have an amazing result. So give it a try.

I appreciate everyone's support of this LCR event.

~ **Bonnie DiMercurio**

**LCR Executive Committee Member**

**Commodore**

**Tradewinds Yacht Club**



### Regatta Schedule of Events

**Friday, May 28, 2010**

Registration 12 Noon until 9:00 PM

Happy Hour 5:00 - 9:00 PM

**Saturday, May 29, 2010**

Registration 7:00 - 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast Provided

Opening Ceremony 9:00 AM

\* Races / Lunch / Back-to-Back Races \*

Crusin' Long Distance Race

Rum Tent - Following Last Race

Dinner

Music

Awards & Live Auction

**Sunday, May 30, 2010**

Continental Breakfast 8:00 AM

\* Back-to-Back Races 10:00 AM \*

Awards Following Last Race



### **Closure of the Carlyle Lake Keyesport Levee for ARRA Construction Project**

**Carlyle Lake** – On Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the entire Keyesport Levee closed to allow for work on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2010 funded construction project for a rip rap overlay on the Keyesport Levee embankment. The rip rap overlay project is being completed because the existing 40 plus year old rip rap has deteriorated and broken down due to age and freeze- thaw cycles. The new overlay will ensure the integrity of the earthen portion of the Keyesport Levee. The entire Keyesport Levee is scheduled to be closed through December, 2010. The schedule is contingent upon weather and lake level, and may be adjusted.

The levee closure will not affect access or use of the marina, fishing areas, beach or boat ramp use area along the levee, but will restrict walking and biking along the length of the levee.

For more information about Carlyle Lake, contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or email at [carlylelake@usace.army.mil](mailto:carlylelake@usace.army.mil).



## Your Favorite Toy Can Also Be Your Favorite Deduction

Articles consolidated by Lee Högman from

[www.DiscoverBoating.com](http://www.DiscoverBoating.com) & [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

It is probably the secret dream of all boat owners: finding a way to deduct the cost of their boats every April when the IRS calls. Surprisingly enough, there are several ways that you can write off some of the cost of your boat and reduce your tax burden.

### Your Home Afloat

Probably the most commonly misunderstood tax deduction is the write-off of interest paid for a second home which, in this case, is any boat that can be lived aboard. Your tax advisors wouldn't think twice about deducting the mortgage interest if you owned a mountain cabin or a beach cottage, but they often don't realize that a boat also qualifies. The IRS has generally determined that any boat with at least one berth, a permanent galley and a head (but not if it's just a Port-a-Potty) qualifies for the second home deduction. There are some caveats here that you need to remember. Obviously, you can't already have a second home you are deducting. If you do, you must choose between the second home and the boat each year for your deduction. You need to ask the lender with your boat loan for IRS form 1098 to report the interest or, in most cases, you can simply get a letter from the lender. If you used an equity line of credit with your home or the boat as security, you're also entitled to deduct those interest charges. Don't forget that you can deduct not just the interest, but also any points paid to get the loan as well as the penalty for an early payoff of the loan. Also, you must "live" in it at least two weeks a year. Since 14 days are the requirement, spending weekend nights on board over the course of a season usually qualifies.

### Sweet Charity

When it comes time to look for a newer or bigger boat, you can sell or trade in your present boat but, in some cases, donating your boat to charity can provide a sizable tax advantage. You can only deduct the fair market value of the boat and you need to have an independent appraisal or survey that clearly states the market value and not the replacement value, which can be considerably higher and can trigger an alarm with the IRS. In most cases, you can pick your favorite charity as long as it is qualified as a non-profit organization. Some groups, such as the Sea Scouts, are equipped to take care of all the paperwork and details involved in a donation. Even better, you may end up getting more for your boat as a

donation than you would if you sold or traded it. A boat with a market value of \$10,000 might only be worth \$5,000 as a trade-in at a dealership and it

might take weeks or months to sell if you sell it yourself. With a donation, the boat is gone immediately and you can gain at the bottom line of your tax debt.

IRS officials recommend that people who want to donate their vehicle take the following steps:

**Check That the Organization is Qualified** - Taxpayers should make certain that they donate their boat to an eligible organization; otherwise, their donation will not be tax deductible. Taxpayers can use the IRS Web site to check that an organization is qualified by searching Publication 78. Publication 78 is an annual, cumulative list of most organizations that are qualified to receive deductible contributions. Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and governments are not required to apply for this exemption in order to be qualified. They frequently are not listed in Publication 78. Donations to these institutions are tax deductible.

**Itemize in Order to Benefit** - Many taxpayers can't take a deduction for donations because they don't itemize deductions on their personal tax return. For taxpayers, the decision to itemize is determined by whether their total itemized deductions are greater than the standard deduction.

**Calculate the Fair Market Value** - The donor must take many factors into consideration to establish the value of the boat. Many used-car buying guides can be used to get the value of a boat. [www.nada.com](http://www.nada.com) is such a site. Both Publication 526, Charitable Deductions, and Publication 561, "Determining the Value of Donated Property," provide detailed instructions.

**Deduct Only the Car's Fair Market Value** - Some donation program operators have mistakenly claimed that donors can deduct the highest value listed in a buyer's guide for their boat, regardless of the donated boat's condition. The IRS, however, will only allow a deduction for the fair market value. Fair market value takes into account many factors, including the boat's condition.

**Contact State Charity and IRS Officials When in Doubt** - Donors with questions about whether a contribution is deductible should call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or for TTY/TDD help, call 1-800-829-4059. They can also find IRS forms and publications at [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov). Donors concerned that contributions are being solicited for fraudulent purposes should contact the appropriate state charity official, who is often located in the state attorney general's office. A list of state charity official offices can be found online.

# Tradewinds Yacht Club



## 2010 EVENTS SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Hosts/Sponsor</u>
April 24 <sup>TH</sup>	Season Opener	Lynda Chaney
<i>Sponsored by Trade Winds Marina - Customer Appreciation Day &amp; Flea Market!</i>		
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Party ?? (Hawaiian - ?)	Lisa & Tessa
May 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Leukemia Cup Regatta	Event @ CSA
<i>June 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>RACE-Spring Series 1</i>	
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	TYC Cup (paid event)	Need Hosts
<i>June 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>RACE-Spring Series 2 &amp; 3</i>	
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Boat Show / Poker Run	The DiMercurios
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Raft-Up, Fireworks	City of Carlyle
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas in July Party	Tony DiMercurio
<i>July 11<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>RACE-Spring Series 4 &amp; 5</i>	
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Remote Control Boat Day	Steve Hollingsworth
<i>July 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>RACE-Spring Series 6</i>	
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	CYC to TYC	Need Hosts
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Raft-Up	Need Hosts
<i>August 28<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>RACE-Fall Series 1</i>	
<i>September 12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>RACE-Fall Series 2 &amp; 3</i>	
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Talk Like a Pirate Party	Lee Högman & Karen Morris
<i>September 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>RACE-Fall Series 4</i>	
<i>October 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>RACE-Fall Series 5 &amp; 6</i>	
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	A Night at the Races & Italian Dinner	Theresa "T" Hollingsworth
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Party	Need Hosts Confirmed

*The above events will be posted on the TYC website.*



# 2010 Regatta Registration Form

Please complete the form and mail it along with your payment to the address below.  
Upon receipt of your entry, we will send you a fund raising packet.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ check one: ☐ Skipper ☐ Crew ☐ Other Participant

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (required for receipt of personal webpage) \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_ Current PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Class/Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Crew \_\_\_\_\_

## REGATTA SAILING REGISTRATION

☐ \$50 For Cabins ☐ \$10 For Laser, Sunfish (circle one) \$40 For Dinghies / Multi Hulls (circle one)

Check one: ☐ Racing ☐ Cruising Long Distance Event (1 Day) ☐ Not Racing

(Circle One): ☐ Spinnaker ☐ Non-Spinnaker

## FOR SKIPPERS, CREW & OTHER PARTICIPANTS

<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____ \$7 Saturday Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____ \$15 Saturday Night Dinner
<input type="checkbox"/>	# _____ \$7 Sunday Lunch

*\* First 150 paid lunch registrations for Saturday's lunch will receive an insulated lunch bag.*

Check Enclosed for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make all checks payable to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Or payment made through: VISA / MASTERCARD / AMEX (circle one)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sig. Code \_\_\_\_\_ (last 3-digits in signature area on reverse side of card)

Amount to Charge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing (US) and sailing instructions originated by the host club and/or other rules that govern this event. In consideration of being permitted to enter this event, being knowledgeable of the risks of competitive sailing and knowing that it is my sole responsibility to decide whether to start or continue any race, I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the host club, Carlyle Sailing Association, and the people conducting the event, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, from all liability in connections with any injury or damage that may occur.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL TO:

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## *TYC Coming Attractions*

**Season Opener  
April 24th  
Sponsored by Trade Winds  
Marina & TYC**

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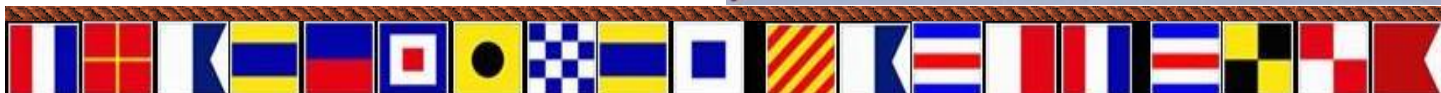
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