



Tradewinds Dock Lines

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From the Commodore:

We are into July - half the season is over and that's an awful thought! We've had some great events since the last newsletter; The Luau, TYC Cup, Fireworks and the Boat Show. Hope you have all been able to attend some of these events.

We were able to watch fireworks in Cove 1 as well as in Keyesport. It was really a great show in both places. Keyesport was fabulous as we were able to sit on the deck in the marina and watch their display.

The next social event will be the CYC to TYC party on August 7th. This will be hosted by Dave & Ann Byers and Steve & Dorothy Rice. Should be a terrific party as usual. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss this event.

As you may be aware, the refrigerator in the clubhouse has been emptied as stated it would be on the sign on the front.

But beyond the effort to get rid of everything, the fridge needs a good cleaning and a concerted effort from all of us to keep it clean. Messy spills have been the result of bottle-caps not secured and other items not covered or secured and these messes are easily avoided. I ask that everyone take care in putting things into the fridge (including our lil' sailors) and we all take a turn in cleaning the fridge each weekend. Please take everything you put into the fridge with you when you leave for the week. Only a few of us have helped clean the fridge and the task should be shared by everyone that uses the refrigerator.

My other concern is keeping the dishtowels and dishrags in our kitchen clean. The washing machine at the clubhouse is not in good condition as it has rust inside the tub. When you use it, your items gather rust stains, so I don't think washing the towels at the clubhouse is a good idea. So my request is that if you use the kitchen, then once in awhile take the towels and dishrags home, wash and dry them and return them. If we can get someone to do this every so often, it will not be a burden for one person and we will all enjoy clean towels to use. I would really appreciate everyone's cooperation in volunteering and chipping in to do their part to keep things clean.

I would like ideas from everyone on how to better manage the kitchen so that we all have a clean, neat and healthy environment for preparing our meals – a sign-up sheet for "Kitchen Cleanup" for each weekend might be the answer. We have always been a great group in helping each other and this is another opportunity for that volunteer spirit to shine through again! Thank you very much!

May the wind always be your kind of wind.

~ Bonnie DiMercurio,
Commodore



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*Next Up
CYC to TYC
Party Hosted
by Dave &
Ann Byers &
Steve &
Dorothy Rice
August 7th*

Sailing Definition:

Drivelswigger - one who reads about nautical terms too much

TYC Racing Photos by Karen Morris...





Next to the Top



Sure it's been pretty hot at the lake lately, but not too hot to have a TYC party or two over the next several weeks. We hope you'll be able to join us in the fun. There have already been several great parties so far this season, but there are more on their way. The very next party is going to be the CYC to TYC Beach party on August 7th. Two couples will

be hosting this party, Steve & Dorothy Rice and Dave & Ann Byers, and they have quite an event planned. We are really looking forward to it!! Please watch your email for the invitation, which will be coming very soon. Please send us a confirmation if you are planning to attend this party. We need to get a fairly accurate head count to make sure we have plenty of food and etc. Saturday, August 21st will be the TYC Raft Up party down in cove #4. The raft up party will be a pot-luck dinner based on whatever you feel like preparing ahead of time or cooking on your boat. It will be a chance to spend the night on your boat away from the dock (and the carp), and a great opportunity to get to know each other a bit better. **There's no need to RSVP for the Raft up, so please feel free to join us.** Flyers for both parties, with additional details, are included in this issue of the "Dock Lines" or will be sent out soonest!

~Bruce Cowin
Vice Commodore



Secretary/Treasurer



Not to disagree with the Vice Commodore, but it's been hot, rainy, and noisy (carp) at the lake, but we still have fun. It's not too late to join the Tradewinds Yatch Club (TYC) if you haven't already. Maybe those dues have just slipped your mind, don't worry, you can still mail it to me at 2113 Graystone Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303 or just stop by Bacon In the Sun (our floating home on F dock). If you see a new marina patron don't forget to extend an invitation to them to join TYC or let an officer of the club know and we will extend the invitation to join. Have you been flying your TYC burgee this year? If you need one or if your current one is looking shabby, let me know, we do have them in stock. Now for the financial report. We had approximately \$450 in expenses for the TYC Cup dinner, which was offset by the \$15 charged per person. We also provided 15 bags of ice for the event. We were slightly in the red on this event once everything was tallied. Bob and Sandy Bourgois recently hosted the TYC Boat Show party, and thier party ended up in the black after all expenses had been covered. Our bank balance still allows for some spending to improve your stay at the marina. (We purchased 2 Weber Kettle grills at the begining of the season.) I still plan on getting a survey out this year so I can see what most of the members would like for the club to purchase, but feel free to let me know your suggestions in person or by e-mail too. One suggestion I have heard is to purchase carts to help members transport their weekend items from the car to the boat and back. A big thank you to Lee Hogman for e-filing the 990-N for TYC this year. See you on the Lake!

~Jan Cowin
Sec./Tres.

From Bruce and Jan ...

Wow!! **You just never know what might happen sometimes, and I've been truly very** amazed with how many folks have helped and continue to offer help with getting a couple of sail boats back in action. If you were unaware of what happened to those boats, suffice to say they dropped out of the TYC Cup on the last leg of the race after coming in contact with each other. We are very blessed in that no one was hurt. The potential for serious injury certainly existed, **since one boat's mast was knocked clean off the deck and into the lake.** Another very lucky thing was that even though the lake was starting to get rough and the wind was getting very gusty, we were able to recover the mast and secure it to the bow and stern rails with only 5 minutes to spare before a storm reached our area on the lake. The really cool thing is that so many folks met us at the dock to make sure that we were all right, and to begin helping get things back in shape. A couple of our friends planned to cove out that evening, and even though they were in the middle of preparing their supper, they pulled up anchor and left their cove to come along and help out. That couple ended up spending the evening at the dock and helped to raise our spirits after the shock and reality of what had occurred on the lake was set in with us. **Now that's some pretty good friends, and we love them dearly!!** Since that day we've been working to get our boats back into shape, and things are coming along very nicely. Both boats were able to sail again by July 4th weekend, and they made it down to cove 1 for the fireworks show and TYC raft up. We owe a big thank you to a couple of TYC members that were able to work miracles with stainless steel parts which needed to be straightened and / or welded; Bob Bourgeois and Tony DiMercurio. We also owe a big thank you to Bill Gau, Bill Mac Kenzie, Steve Hollingsworth, Dave Grimes, Dave Isom, Todd Miller, Bob Howard, Dave Cumpston and **Danny Sargent** for helping to raise the mast on one of the sail boats. **I apologize if I missed anyone else's name, because just** about every TYC member that was out at the lake that day, and the days that followed, helped in one way or another. All of your kind words and caring acts have touched our hearts. You are all a very wonderful group of folks that we are extremely fortunate to know. Thank you all , very very much!

 **START LINE** 

Marina News



The TYC Commodore's Cup is in the books for the year 2010. First Place in Division One went to Bill Bertrand from CSA, second place to Rex Carr from CYC and third place to our own Bob Bourgeois. Trophy takers in Division Two included Craig Swann in first place, Sean Gannon in second place and Rich Pendel from CSA in third place. See the TYC Cup

race sheet on Page 4, for times and conditions of the race. We had a total of eleven racers signed up to race with one DNS. We would like ideas on how to improve lake-wide attendance at this event so your recommendations are always welcome.

The spring series is under way with a total of four races completed so far. Our last race date for the spring series is scheduled on July 24. Originally a single race, we have made this one a double header to make up for lack of attendance and subsequent postponement of Race 1. This will complete the spring series with the fall series commencing on August 28

We would like to see all experienced racers on the course as attendance for series racing is dropping off dramatically. Without adequate participation, the future of racing at Tradewinds is questionable.

See you at the start line.

~ Tony DiMercurio
Racing Chairman

The Army Corp of Engineers (ACE) has informed us that there will be more gravel and rock available later in August to hopefully fully close the gap in Harbor #2 wall. When the additional work is finished on the harbor wall, the ACE plans to resurface the road for the marina.

We don't know the full impact of that project, but we will make sure to keep all of our patrons aware of the schedule, status and impacts of all of the ACE projects.

Also, Jason and Kyle have worked hard to put the walkway and grass area beside the clubhouse back to the condition it was before the area was torn up when the heavy equipment had to come through that area. We have more topsoil and seed and will finish getting that area back to the **great shape it was just as soon as we're sure equipment doesn't have to drive through that area again.** Thank you to all of our patrons for their support, cooperation and understanding as these projects continue.

~ Greg & Terry





SEAWORTHY

The BoatU.S. Marine Insurance & Damage Avoidance Report

S seaworthy editors occasionally take a break from writing about boat fires, hurricanes and collisions to focus on a topic that readers have told us is far more problematic: bird poop. Specifically, how to keep the latter from making your decks look like the bottom of a bird cage.

We've received hundreds of stories, including techniques that seem to work and others that are definitely a waste of time. The underlying theme has always been: "Who is smarter, people or birds?" The letters make it clear that there is no single technique that works for all types of birds—seagulls, cormorants, osprey, pelicans, sparrows, to name a few. To be fair, quite a few readers insist that nothing works, ever. While *Seaworthy* editors have relied on anecdotes to discover what works, at least one publication has opted to take a scientific approach. In the April 2010 issue of *Practical Sailor*, the editors reported on a six-month field test (**"Boat Care That's for the Birds"**), which was conducted using a wide assortment of commercially available birdie repellents. *PS* broke the devices down into two groups: *visual devices* that are intended to scare birds and *physical exclusion devices* that are intended to prevent a bird from landing on the boat.

The test was conducted on some seldom-used floating finger piers at Sunset Cay Marina in South Carolina, which is near a marsh that is home to many (well fed) gulls, pelicans, herons, cormorants, black skimmers, pigeons, and assorted smaller birds. During the course of the experiment, the devices were subjected to temperatures ranging from steamy hot to near freezing with lots of wind and rain. **Here's some of what *Practical Sailor* found:**

One of the problems common to all of the devices was a lack of durability (the exception was the spike panels). Sections of something called Irri-Tape reflected light and flapped in the wind and seemed to do a good job repelling birds but was gone in less than a month. So too were the eye balloons (Scare Eye and Terror-Eyes), which also appeared to have been doing a good job before they disappeared.

• **The Prowler Owl kept gulls, but not pigeons,** away. It too had durability issues; a wing broke after only two weeks and the owl itself blew away after 10 weeks.

• **Among** the physical exclusion devices, the spiked products protected the smallest areas. The testers found bird droppings fewer than 10 inches from each of the spiked panels. The three spider-like devices performed similarly; you would need several of them to protect an entire boat.

• **BIRDOFF's** self-named product was strung around the boat and appeared to work well and be durable (no moving parts), but you will have to allow time to roll it all up whenever you want to use the boat.

• **While it wasn't tested,** a motion-activated sprinkler was highly recommended by a California marina employee who was interviewed for the article. (Sprinkler devices were also recommended by *Seaworthy* readers, although they reported the devices sprinkled people as well as birds.)

The manager of a marina in Galveston had similar praise for a sound-emitting device but said they finally took it down because the noise was driving **people nuts. The article concluded, "Successful bird deterrence is a complex business," to which we would add that it's also a very frustrating business. The best way to protect a boat, the editors noted, would be to use a combination of devices that best suits your boat's configuration and location. They warned that you'll have to check on them regularly, change the positioning, and do some maintenance if you're going to have any success. For more on what works and doesn't work, go to www.BoatUS.com/Seaworthy.**



Editor's note: That's a LOT of POOP! YUCK!!!

TYC Cup Results

Photos by Tony DiMercurio
from the Committee Boat



<u>BOAT NAME</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>PHRF</u>	<u>ACTUAL TIME</u>	<u>CORRECT. TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
DIVISION 1 LOW PHRF (JAM)					
JUST SO	BERTRAND	191	2:33:32	2:14:41	1
TBD	PUCKETT	135	DNF		
PLUMB FUN	BOURGEOIS	205	3:12:45	2:45:46	3
PATRIOT	CARR	95	2:26:11	2:27:17	2
CASA SITA	HAUSMAN	192	DNF		
DIVISION 2 HIGH PHRF (JAM)					
SEA NYMPH	GANNON	232	3:14:11	2:41:24	2
BACON IN THE SUN	COWIN	232	DNF		
ANNIE'S SONG	MACKENZIE	268	DNF		
CARPE DIEM	PENDL	206	3:17:54	2:50:27	3
LAKE EFFECT	ISOM	206	DNS		
STARDUST	SWANN	266	3:13:10	2:33:52	1

COURSE: SIMPLE TRIANGLE, DAM TO COLES CREEK TO COVE SIX TO FINISH

WINDS: 10-15 OUT OF THE SW

COMMITTEE BOAT: MISS-B-HAVEN

START TIME: 12:53 PM

FINISH TIME: 4:25:PM

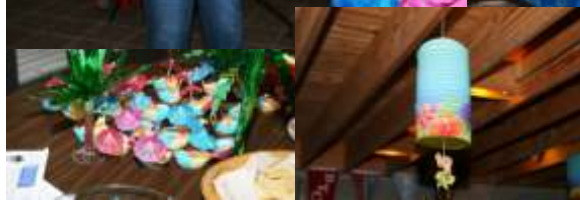
PREPARED BY: T. DIMERCURIO, RACE CHAIR, 2010, TYC

SPECIAL OR SERIES RACE: COMMODORE'S CUP, JUNE 12, 2010

Luau Party!!!

The Luau was a great success this year!!!! Because the weather outside was less than 'beachy', we had to transform the inside of the clubhouse into our own tropical paradise. Between the decorations, and the enthusiasm of everyone there at the party, it still felt like a sunny island day inside even though it was quite chilly and rainy outside! Thanks to everyone who participated in the different contests, all of the drinks and appetizers were incredibly detailed and it was so much fun seeing what everyone came up with. And, of course, it was fun seeing everyone dressed up in different Hawaiian themed outfits. Also, the Luau brought money IN to the Yacht Club, so a success in all aspects! Thanks again to everyone and we hope to do another Luau next Season!

~ Lisa & Tessa



Luau Photos by Da' Grimey... Thanks Dave!!!

2010 TYC Boat Show and Poker Run

The TYC Boat Show and Poker Run was held on



Boat Show Photos by Karen Morris...

Saturday, July 10. Thanks to *Linda Immer* and her enthusiasm we had a good number of boats participating. I'm told this is the first year we had no rain for this event. Hope that continues in the future.

The hors d'oeuvres and drinks were plentiful and



fantastic. Our members did a great job providing a varied menu and an abundant supply of eats. The drinks were magnificent and POTENT! I think there were one or two members who may not have known their name by the end the evening



(you know who you are-now!). It was good fun and I think everyone had a great time. A thank you to *Linda Chaney* for all she did to help make the



party a success. The Poker Run was a lot of fun. We collected \$66.00. A donation of \$1.00 was given to the club by *Todd*. The winners were *Linda and Bill Immer*. They graciously donated their winning back to the club. Thanks Linda and Bill.



Everyone voted for their favorite boat, hors d'oeuvres and drink with the following results.

Favorite Boat: PlumbFun 1973 30' Columbia

Owners: Bob & Sandy Bourgeois

Favorite Drink: Sneaky Sailor, Steve & Dorothy Rice

Favorite Hors d'oeuvres: No Name cucumber appetizer

by Bonnie & Tony DiMercurio

Thanks to everyone for participating.

Happy Sailing,

~ *Bob and Sandy Boat Show Hosts*

Stuff @ the Marina...



*Tony up his mast - Bob & Lee helping
& Karen Morris' Cal 21, "Ren's New Day"
arrives at Trade Winds!*



**CYC to TYC
Cajun Party
6:00 p.m.
August 7, 2010**



**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL AT
TRADEWINDS YACHT CLUB !**

TYC will provide Chicken Gumbo, Grilled Shrimp Po'boys, Red beans and Rice, other sides, Hurricane punch and tea, and all utensils. If you prefer something else to drink (Beer, wine, rum...), please bring it along. Additional lagniappe is the live music at 7:00. Please RSVP by 8/1 to

sailinguy@mchsi.com

TYC members are asked to help by providing sides.

FOR CYC MEMBERS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
SLIP FOR THE NIGHT PLEASE EMAIL
SAILCYC@HOTMAIL.COM

Call 217-840-5896
for additional
information.

Tradewinds Yacht Club



2010 EVENTS SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Hosts/Sponsor</u>
April 13th	LCR Launch Party, Top of the Met	LLS, St. Louis Chtr
April 24 TH	Season Opener	Lynda Chaney
May 15th	Hawaiian Luau!	Lisa DiMercurio & Tessa Peterein
May 28th-30th	Leukemia Cup Regatta	Event @ CSA
June 5th	RACE-Spring Series 1 (re-sche'd)	TYC Race Event
June 12th	TYC Cup (paid event)	Marianne Moore
June 19th	RACE-Spring Series 2 & 3	TYC Race Event
July 3rd	Raft-Up, Fireworks	City of Carlyle
July 10th	Boat Show / Poker Run	Bob & Sandy Bourgeois
July 11th	RACE-Spring Series 4 & 5	TYC Race Event
July 17th	Judd's CYC Steak Night	@ CYC
July 24 th	<i>RACE-Spring Series 6 AND 1</i>	<i>TYC Race Event</i>
August 7 th	CYC to TYC	<i>Dave & Ann Byers & Steve & Dorothy Rice</i>
August 21 st	TYC Raft-Up	Bruce & Jan Cowin
August 28 th	<i>RACE-Fall Series 1</i>	<i>TYC Race Event</i>
September 12 th	<i>RACE-Fall Series 2 & 3</i>	<i>TYC Race Event</i>
September 18 th	Talk Like a Pirate Party	Lee Högman & Karen Morris
September 25 th	<i>RACE-Fall Series 4</i>	<i>TYC Race Event</i>
October 2 nd	<i>RACE-Fall Series 5 & 6</i>	<i>TYC Race Event</i>
October 2 nd	A Night at the Races & Italian Dinner	The Hollingsworths
October 30th	Halloween Party	The Millers

The above events will be posted on the TYC website.

The Keys
on Lake Carlyle
(formally DJ's Cove)
... new owners,
same great food!!!
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