



APRIL 2024



[At the Helm](#)

Christopher Bown, Commodore

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Hey Everyone,

We began March with a fantastic dock party at Waterford marina. Len Meyers brought the karaoke machine and several of our TMCA troubadours lined up to see who could out do the next person to win a valuable prize. And of course, we had more food than we could consume by the end of the evening which is becoming a norm at TMCA.

Some of us stayed sober enough to participate in a CPR class the next day. The class was facilitated by our TMCA Trustee Doug Chappell. Doug was kind enough to not only bring us a CPR class but also an abbreviated class on emergency medicine to be used out there on the water. We hope to host this class every year, because it is so vitally important for all our members.

Coming up in April will be a dock party at Harbor Island. This Harbor Island dock party is a yearly event, and you will see many past and current members. It's almost like a grand reunion. Don't forget to bring a chair and a dish to share.

On April 6th and 7th you can join us on a peaceful weekend cruise to Bayland. This always becomes a short and easy cruise up the channel and a wonderful place to have dinner.

The next weekend our very own Tim Marshall is leading a Pirate Cruise to Red Fish Island. He has all kinds of events happening during the cruise including a rip-roaring water gun fight and a wood stealing free-for-all. This will be followed by a dinner to share and a bonfire on the island.

Also, on the 13th and 14th there will be the annual "Texas Free Boat Show" being held at the Waterford Harbor Marina. TMCA is hosting a booth, and we hope that everyone will stop by and say hello. We will be holding a special membership drive, so bring your non-

TMCA friends and get them signed up for a TMCA membership. We are offering a \$25.00 discount for all new members.

And it's time to drag all those boating paraphernalia items out that you don't use anymore or don't want anymore for the Annual TMCA Flea Market. Saturday, April 20th from 8:00-12:00. Get to the Elks Lodge parking lot early and you might end up with that little gadget that you really, really need.

Closing out the month will be the Blessing of the Fleet. This is a particularly important day for all those boaters that want that additional safety feature added to their boat.

Well, what are you waiting for? Get those boats out on the water. This is going to be an exciting year to get in your boat and have a blast.

Commodore Captain Christopher Bown s/v Rainbow



[From the Cockpit](#)

Len Meyers, Vice Commodore

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As I was getting ready for tax season, I realized I needed a new CPA. I don't understand why I can't write off "West Marine" as they are clearly dependent upon me. Living in a marina, Mandy and I are very careful about cleaning products because we know where they end up. According to www.sailorsofthesea.org there are some things you can do to avoid putting chemicals into the water.

- 1.** Regularly rinse your boat or boat parts with freshwater. This can help reduce the need for harsh chemicals by preventing the buildup of salt, mildew and grime in the first place.
- 2.** Research your cleaners. Manufacturers of chemical products are not required to list ingredients on their containers or make them public. Labels on cleaners can be confusing and words like "natural", "non-toxic", "organic" or "biodegradable" are misleading because there is no regulation of the words' use.
- 3.** If possible, use cleaning products sparingly and try to prevent cleaning products and wastewater from draining directly into the water. Utilize designated washdown areas at your marina or club, or wash items down on a grassy area which can help absorb runoff before it ends up in the ocean.

In 2019 BoatU.S. published an article on how some of the major "safe" cleaners ranked.

<https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2019/august/boatus-foundation-puts-green-boat-cleaners-to-the-test> (Mandy loves her 303)

But there are home remedies too: (Thanks to sailorsofthesea)

Make your own homemade boat cleaners

With the following seven products that you may already have in your kitchen cabinets, you can clean most of your boat and boating accessories in an eco-smart and cost-effective way.



Vinegar



Baking Soda



Borax



Hydrogen Peroxide



Lemon Juice



Cream of Tartar



Salt

- **Vinegar** – acidic, strong cleaning agent that can dissolve dirt, debris and grime, kill or reduce certain types of pathogens (usually ones that cause common food borne diseases), but is not a disinfectant
- **Lemon Juice** – acidic, strong cleaning agent that can dissolve dirt, debris and grime, antibacterial, but is not a disinfectant, citrus smell
- **Baking Soda** – mildly alkaline, slightly abrasive, strong cleaning agent that can help dissolve dirt and grease (be careful using around certain metals), and neutralize odors
- **Cream of Tartar** – mildly acidic, similar to baking soda, but is slightly less abrasive
- **Borax** – alkaline, strong cleaning agent that can get rid of stains, mold and mildew, and neutralize odors
- **Salt** – effective gentle scouring agent, boost cleaning and deodorizing action of other ingredients
- **Hydrogen Peroxide** – a natural disinfectant that is antibacterial and antiviral

We will discuss this a little more at our TMCA Monthly Meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, April 19th at the Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Road in Kemah. Come early for dinner and drinks at 6:00 pm. The program starts at 7:30 pm after our 7:00 pm business meeting. Our guest will be Albert Hernandez from USCG Vessel Traffic Service (VTS). Be sure to wear your name badge!



'Sand-Sational' Social

MaryJane Hancock, Rear Commodore

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Ahoy TMCA Members,

At last month's Board meeting, we voted to hold our Commodore's Ball at Lakewood Yacht Club on the evening of Saturday December 14th. I am currently interviewing bands for the ball and if you have a band you would like to recommend, please email me. I found several bands to interview at the Rodeo last month.

My apology to our members for missing several Friday night meetings. I started a new position in January and I do not get home until late. Huge THANK YOU to SHERRIE and LEN for stepping up for me and giving my presentation to y' all in my absence. I appreciate it.



[Port Activity Report](#)

Sherrie Daniels, Port Captain

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Come join the Harbour Island bunch for our April TMCA dock party! The day is Friday, April 5th on the Promenade, overlooking scenic South Shore Harbour from 6-9:00 pm.

Bring a chair, your beverage, and a dish to share. Grills, tables, and paper goods will be provided.

By land, take Marina Bay Drive to the stop light at Enterprise and turn (left from the west, right from the east), go through the gate (code:1223) and proceed nearly 1 mile until you cross the little bridge onto Harbour Island.

The townhouses on your left are your destination. Park on the street or in an unoccupied space in the lot and walk down to the Promenade on the water near the docks (Dock D).

By water, come up the lake to the entrance to South Shore Harbor Marina and turn left. We are the small marina on the left and the T-heads are available for you to tie up large boats or dinghies. Power and water are available, just let us know if you plan to spend the night.

Your hosts include Gloria & Mike Rooney, Kim & David Glascock, Joy & Robert Frantz, Ryk & Doreen Williams, Roz & Fern Quinonez, and Gary Hanson.



[Anchors Away](#)

Arthur Tailleir, Cruise Captain

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Really?! March is over already!?!

The Cedar Bayou Anchorage cruise had to be cancelled due to the strong north wind forecasted for the weekend. A prudent choice as the anchorage may not have been too comfortable and then there's the issue of low water levels with a strong northerly wind. Adrian made the right call and we're hoping to have this cruise rescheduled sometime in the coming months.

The Doc's Fish Fry Cruise also was cancelled due low tides, which may have been ok had the wind been stronger out of the south, but no luck. Michael made the call on this one and it was the right thing. When he called Marker 17 to let them know it was not going to happen, they informed him a barge had been stuck in the channel for the last two weeks! We'll be rescheduling this cruise and dinner after the barge is removed.

As I write this report many of you are preparing for the Moody Gardens Easter Cruise. It looks like Lamy and Wendy have a great weekend planned and should be an excellent weekend for it, weather wise.

Coming up the first weekend in April, Philip Kropf is leading the Cruise to Bayland. A leisure weekend is planned with a trip to O'Neal's Sports Bar and Grill. You'll have a lot of time to go check out the new Hyatt Regency Hotel right next to the marina. It has the Anchor & Hearth Woodfired Kitchen, Bayland Lounge and a 24-hour Market.

Tim Marshall is leading the Pirate Cruise to Red Fish Island and looks like he's got some great ideas! That one could be a lot of fun. Puts me in mind of the Dingy Poker Run we did in 2017, that was a blast.

The last weekend in April, on the 28th, there will be the Blessing of the Fleet. You might want to join the fleet and dress your girl up and some nice red, white and blue! Check out the Facebook page and plan on at least coming down to watch the flotilla. [Blessing of the Fleet on Facebook](#)

Arthur
s/v Mystera



[Secretary's Dispatch](#)

Mark Wittig, Secretary

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I was at my marina last weekend, and I couldn't find a parking spot near my pier. That means Spring has sprung and almost everyone was on their boat! Unfortunately, I was not one of them. My plans for sailing have been stalled for five weeks thanks to a cracked prop blade. :(

Renewal season has been over for the past several weeks. Here's the final tally: 370 active members and 120 overdue renewals. We do have some new members who joined during the month of March. Please help me welcome them:

Name(s)	Boat Name	Marina	Member Since
Tom Taylor	M/V PowerPlay	Watergate	28-Mar-2024
Brian Stueben	M/V Mixed Emoceans	Blue Dolphin	26-Mar-2024
Camille & Locke Bryan	M/V Hollywood Ending	Lakewood Yacht Club	10-Mar-2024
Thomas Pope	S/V Allora	Seabrook	5-Mar-2024
Janet Thornton	S/V Allora	Seabrook	5-Mar-2024

Speaking of new members, we will be conducting a membership drive at the FREE BOAT SHOW April 13-14 at Waterford Harbor Marina. Please consider contributing by joining a committee. I'm heading up for manning the booth at the show. If you are interested, please send me an email at the address below.

Mark Wittig

TMCA Secretary 2024

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[Mathmagician's Message](#)

Pete Fisher, Treasurer

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I cannot believe April is already here. Didn't we just celebrate New Years... ? I have been working on some overdue boat projects, namely new Teak Oil on the outdoor deck table and chairs and sprucing up the wood tops in our salon. We are excited to be heading to Moody Gardens for the Easter Weekend Cruise in the morning. Looks like the weather is going to be AWESOME with temps in the high 70s and sunny.

We are looking forward to the Dock Party April 5th at Harbour Island- special thanks to the hosts!

Check out the TMCA calendar <https://www.texasmariners.com> and sign up now for dock parties and cruises.

Current 2024 Finances are as follows:

- Bank balance \$33,933.11

Still a few membership renewals trickling in which is helping our bank account and setting us up to be able to meet all of our financial obligations for the year.

Pete Fisher

Treasurer 2024

m/v VayCay Everyday



[Webmaster's Wonders](#)

Linda Schoene, Webmaster

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I really enjoyed talking with John, what was his wife's name?

We just moved our boat to Watergate. I wonder who else from TMCA is here?

Their boat is called Sun something.....

You can find out all these answers on the TMCA website under the Members Only section -> Members Directory - > Advance Search



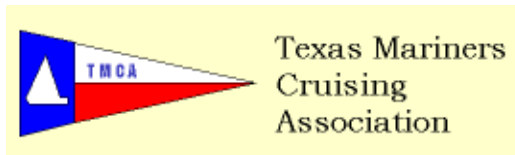
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