



**August 2020**



**At the Helm**

**Bryan Austin, Commodore**

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This is your Commodore Speaking,

I apologize for the delay getting our newsletter out this month. Believe it or not, a lot is going on in my and Cindy's world and of course the world around us. We had to cancel our July monthly meeting due to inclement weather after previously moving it outdoors while the Elks Lodge is closed. We look forward to the August meeting to pick back up again. Stay tuned.

On a more personal note, while our boat continues the post-lightning strike repair process, we traveled to Ft Lauderdale to look at some future catamaran purchase options. Looks like we arrived just just in time to greet hurricane Isaias. While there, we were able to help fellow TMCA members Tara and Travis Townsley complete the hurricane prep on their new (to them) 53'

Royal Cape catamaran. Fortunately the hurricane spared Ft Lauderdale and only hit the area with some periodic heavy rain and brisk winds with tropical storm level gusts. We will join the Townsley's again in mid August to sail their catamaran across the Gulf back to Kemah.

This year brings unique challenges for our members to enjoy boating with friends. The Club Leadership continues to promote cruises and educational events that allow members to expand their boating knowledge and skills while limiting the planned social gatherings.

Stay safe and see you on the water.

***Bryan Austin***  
***TMCA Commodore, 2020***

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**[From the Commodore of Vice's Navigational Table](#)**

**Bryan Mason, Vice Commodore**

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Our next monthly meeting could possibly be on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Road, in Kemah. However given the crazy times, who knows! Any changes will be communicated well before hand. Socializing and dinner orders will begin at 6:00 pm, business meeting begins at 7:00 pm and the presentation to follow. Our guest speaker is going to be our own Phil Geren. Phil is going to perform a creative demonstration on boat docking. It is going to be a great time I am sure.

If there are people with concerns of gathering, please feel free to spread out and wear if a mask if that makes you comfortable, as we all know there is plenty of room at the Elks club to physical distancing.

I hope to see ya'll there.

***Bryan Mason***  
***Vice Commodore***

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## **The Social Scuttlebutt**

**Cindy Austin, Rear Commodore**

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Howdy TMCA!!

Thought we were going to get back to our previously known normal, cruising and dock parties etc. but... what do they say 2 steps forward and 1 back! So back to the NEW normal of masks and social distancing. Hopefully we will be able to resume a regularly scheduled programming soon!!!

HUGE SHOUT OUT TO: THE BOSWELL'S for a great cruise at Harborwalk last month.

We are getting closer to the Commodore's Ball and need help from any and all to help plan and get the ball rolling. We can meet via Zoom meetings or if you are in the area, we can safely meet in person while observing safety. Send me a text if available/interested to participate.

Until then, be safe and cheers to your health!

***Cheers!!***

***Cindy Austin***

***Rear Commodore***

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### [On Plane with the Port](#)

**Lori Grissom, Port Captain**

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Well July has come & gone... Come to think of it, so has the rest of this year! Just think of this social distancing as little social butterflies having to stay in our cocoons until the time is right and we can bust out and spread our beautiful social butterfly wings once again! If you are anything like me.... I'm SOO over MY cocoon! Well if you recently viewed the calendar, you would have seen Marine Max has decided to postpone our August Dock party until fur notice. This is probably no surprise to anyone and probably the right decision for them at this point. I hope everyone and your families are staying safe. Let's focus on all the good in our lives and try not to focus on the negativity and hate in the world. I am grateful for my health, my wonderful family and friends and for my husband that has had to share my cocoon with me all these months! Oh and I'm thankful for liquor stores being an essential place of work! We pirates need our happy juice ☺. Please

stay safe and cozy in your cocoons this August and hopefully I'll see you on the docks sometime in the near future!

***Lori Grissom***

***Port Captain 2020***

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## [The Cruise Corner](#)

**Jean Mason, Cruise Captain**

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Hello and Happy August! Summer is flying by and we've got some nice cruise opportunities coming up. Hopefully, the hurricanes will be staying away so we can get them in.

The Full Moon Anchor Out at Smith Point on the first weekend of the month is going to be a fun time. Sign up on the web site.

On August 8-9, you'll have the opportunity to anchor out and dingy in to Shell Beach. Sign up is open on the web site.

August 22 is another popular day cruise...Nassau Bay Anchor Out. Always a fun time with swimming, possible dingy conga lines and general fun and frivolity! Come join.

A call for service.....

The first weekend in September is Labor Day weekend and TMCA has Moody Gardens Marina reserved, as usual. We don't, however, have a cruise leader. If you check the calendar entry, it has my name as the contact, but I am just a place holder as I have yet to get a volunteer to lead. If you would like to learn how to do a Moody Cruise (it's easy), I will be happy to help you. Please let me know if that's YOU! And while it doesn't take a brain surgeon or rocket scientist, or even a rocket surgeon to lead this cruise, it does require a volunteer...or the cruise may not happen. It has always been a very popular weekend cruise, so it would be a shame to let it go, especially in light of all the cancellations we've had this year. Please let me know ASAP as registration needs to open to get all the gears in motion.

Keep on cruising...see y'all out there!

***Jean Mason***  
***Cruise Captain***

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### Secretary's Report

**Cyndi McDermott, Secretary**

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Hello everyone! Hope everyone has been enjoying the summer so far and that you've been getting your boats out on the water. I've been getting in plenty of sailing on the Bay!

Sure hope to see all of you all at an August meeting if we can have it. If you have friends or boat neighbors that aren't members please tell them about us and encourage them to join. Always nice to have some new faces at our activities!

If you still need to renew or have a friend who wants to join the easiest way is via the website. Hopefully you will find the new format user friendly! You can also send a check to TMCA PO Box 946 Kemah, TX 77565 or pay by credit card, check or cash at the monthly meeting. If you have any issues please feel free to contact me at [cyndismcde@yahoo.com](mailto:cyndismcde@yahoo.com).

***See you on the water!***  
***Cyndi McDermott***  
***Secretary***

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**[From Your Bean Counter's Calculator](#)**

**Meade LeBlanc, Treasurer**

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Greetings fellow TMCA members! It's hard to believe we are over halfway through the year -- some may want to say good riddance to 2020 and start fresh in 2021. (Count me in.)

I have seen some creative ways for boating organizations to keep in touch. One club has Zoom happy hours each week with trivia questions about the club's past, contests to guess whose backyard is in the scene, cocktail recipes, etc.

I just read of a "boat in" movie theater opening in Paris this week, with a big screen on the water. Sounds like a lot of fun. Does anyone know someone at the Kemah Boardwalk who would consider that for our entertainment?

On the financial side, the bank account is healthy with plenty of reserves and funds set aside for the usual special events and training activities.

***[Meade LeBlanc](#)***  
***[Treasurer](#)***

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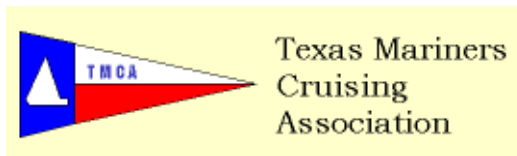
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