



December 2020



At the Helm

Bryan Austin, Commodore

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We are coming to the end of another cruising year for TMCA. 2020 will be remembered as the year we stepped back, stayed away and otherwise kept our distance from one another. It was the year of public health and personal responsibility. In spite of the social restrictions the COVID-19 pandemic placed on everyone, our Club endured and was still able to have a productive year of boating, learning, friendship and fun.

Our social events were limited to the Galveston Mardi Gras cruise and parade and just one dock party. During those early months, some of us practiced our own version of social distancing with some extended duration cruises around Galveston Bay and along the upper Texas coast. As the year progressed, we continued our cruise schedule with what turned out to be a very enjoyable and relaxing, laid-back, limited social activity cruises.

Our monthly meetings and our education presentations were put on hold for most of the year. When we did meet, we learned more about boat surveys, medicine at sea and dinghy maintenance and repair. We also had a special boat handling skills demonstration complete with a man (in) and his boat.

While our calendar of events may have slowed this year, the Board continued to work hard to make the Club even better. My college civics instructor said of a city development, "if it's not growing, it's dying. We took that same approach with our Club.

As I look back over my two years as Commodore, I'm extremely proud of our accomplishments. I'm honored to have represented an outstanding, engaging, and knowledgeable membership both young and not so young. In that time, we developed a new tagline for the Club: "Boating, Learning, Friendship & Fun". We created operations handbooks for the Board and for the membership that captured years of hand-me-down instructions and lessons learned. We captured all this information and much more and stored in the cloud for continued access and retention. We updated the Bylaws and executed a new, more expanded insurance policy for the Club. The pandemic did not slow your Board down.

The state of the Texas Mariners Cruising Association is great because each of you have made it great. Please welcome in the 2021 Board as they take over the reins and continue the journey. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the December 19th Commodores Ball.

Stay safe and boat smart,

Bryan Austin

TMCA Commodore, 2020



From the Commodore of Vice's Navigational Table

Bryan Mason, Vice Commodore

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Nothing to report

***Bryan Mason
Vice Commodore
M/V Marie Ellis***





The Social Scuttlebutt

Cindy Austin, Rear Commodore

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Hey TMCA - Happy December!

Hope everyone had a blessed and healthy Thanksgiving!

Reminder that registration for Commodore's Ball is December 10th !!!

Reminder of the restrictions for 2020...

- Due to COVID.. we were able to reduce the cost to \$65 per person!! YAY!
- Due to COVID.. space and the number of people eligible to attend is limited to 110 total.
- Due to COVID.. registration and payment will be done online at Texasmariners.com. Please be aware that due to

limited space, this is a first come first paid situation and registration online will open Monday, November 2. Formal invitations will be mailed Monday, November 2.

- Due to COVID.. registration closes December 10 because LYC needs food head count earlier this year.
- Due to COVID.. meal options have been eliminated and a duet plate will be served consisting of: Sirloin Medallions with Herb Compound Butter & Grilled Salmon with Tarragon Cream. There is a vegetarian option when registering at texasmariners.com
- Due to COVID.. masks are required and observe social distancing as best as possible. Asking people to use common sense.
- Due to COVID.. boats aren't allowed at LYC this year so grab a hotel or Uber if possible.
- Due to COVID.. the incredible Sunday Brunch isn't happening this year. Sorry folks but at least we all get to be together and dance and welcome in the 2021 Crew and recognize outstanding members for 2020.

This covers the majority of the details. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to phone, text or email me.

Additionally, if you are interested in staying at a hotel nearby, Ladye Jane Stone was able to reserve a block of rooms at:

Marriott Springhill Suites has 10 rooms (5 K & 5 QQ) for TMCA at a special rate of \$79.00 (+tax) for Sat., Dec. 19.

To reserve - call the hotel 281-474-3456 before Wed., Dec. 9,2020 and identify as part of 'TMCA Commodore Ball'.

If you have any questions, please feel free to phone or text me at: 713-320-6748

Cindy Austin
Rear Commodore



Texas Mariners Cruising Association

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

2020 Commodore's Ball

HONORING COMMODORE BRYAN AUSTIN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2020

LAKWOOD YACHT CLUB

2425 NASA PARKWAY, SEABROOK, TEXAS

COCKTAILS 6 PM

DINNER 7 PM

AWARDS 8 PM

KINDLY RSVP TO

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[On Plane with the Port](#)

Lori Grissom, Port Captain

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Happy December y'all. We have a lot to look forward to! We have the Amazing December Ugly sweater, roast your weenie Dock party on December 18th & the wonderful Commodores ball on the 19th. Both parties a must do and should not be missed. Check the calendar for details. I can't say I'm not glad this year is over because I am. I think we are ALL over the year 2020. What I can say is I am glad we have our friends, family, health, booze and the upcoming vaccination that will give us our lives back. Oh and I'm thankful for toilet paper & hand sanitizer. I feel we were all cheated out of this year and it's gone by way too fast. Cheers to all. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving, and I can't wait to see you at the December dock party & Commodores Ball! Until then, stay safe and enjoy the rest of this crazy year!!!

Lori Grissom
Port Captain 2020



[The Cruise Corner](#)

Jean Mason, Cruise Captain

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Here we are at the end of 2020 and I say a very polite “Good Riddance!”. I pray 2021 is a better year all around, to include our club cruising and social opportunities.

Many more were scheduled, but we had 17 cruises throughout the year. I don’t think I can come up with a clever adjective to describe why we only had 17, but all things considered, I don’t think that’s too bad. And individually or in small groups, there were some spontaneous cruises to local destinations that allowed for very effective social distancing.

I look forward to continued participation in TMCA and congratulations to John Boswell who very capably takes the reins of Cruise Captain. See y’all out there!

Jean Mason
Cruise Captain



Secretary's Report

Cyndi McDermott, Secretary

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Happy Holidays everyone! I hope Santa is good to you all!

We are up to 452 members! We have had several new members join over the last month. Please welcome them to TMCA!

Regina and Donald Copeland
Jennifer Ferguson and Brian Pate
Silva and Scott Sidoti
Summer Rice
Bobbie Britain
Joseph Cavallaro
Shannon Edmondson
Richard Markus

And it's that time of year to renew your membership as well. Don't miss out on a single thing planned for the new year! Go to the website now and click on Members Only My Profile. The renewal button will be right at the bottom of membership details section. You will be asked for credit card info, the PayPal system from prior years is no longer being used.

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 have any issues please feel free to contact me at cyndismcde@yahoo.com.

See you on the water!
Cyndi McDermott
Secretary



[From Your Bean Counter's Calculator](#)
Meade LeBlanc, Treasurer
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The weather has been wonderful lately. Here's a little poem.

BOATING IN AUTUMN

By Lu Yu

Away and away I sail in my light boat;
My heart leaps with a great gust of joy.
Through the leafless branches I see the temple in the wood;
Over the dwindling stream the stone bridge towers.
Down the grassy lanes sheep and oxen pass;
In the misty village cranes and magpies cry.

Back in my home I drink a cup of wine
And need not fear the greed of the evening wind.

The club has plenty of cash to finish 2020 and ready to take on all the fun activities that 2021 will bring.

Meade LeBlanc
Treasurer

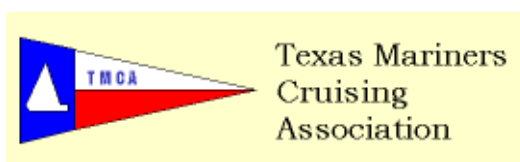
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