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At the Helm

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This is your Commodore Speaking, We dipped our toe back into Club activities last month with our first Monthly Meeting since the coronavirus lockdown began. We were able to space the tables and chairs to accommodate the expected social distancing both during the social hour and during our program which we also streamed live on Facebook for those members unable or uncomfortable with attending in person. Our program guest speaker was Greg Kutsen, M.D. (Mantus Marine) who gave a great presentation about emergency medicine while boating. As long as there are social gathering restrictions, we will continue to stream the meetings live over our TMCA Facebook page or on our YouTube channel, "Texas Mariners Cruising Association".

Closer to home and our boat, the system diagnosis and repairs continue following the May lightning strike on s/v Austintatious. We are working through the process with our insurance company. We expect to replace most all of the electrical components on the boat. Those of you that have experience with this act of nature know the event will immediately render many electronics failed while other systems can initially look and act normal but will soon fail. As an example, our two shower drain pumps use a 15 second timer relay. They each failed several days after the event. The repair/replace equipment list is long. Our boat is still on the market, as we look to move on to a catamaran, so this event was quite untimely. However, once the work has completed, the boat may almost be new again with renewed warranty on replaced (and upgraded) equipment.

Continue to monitor your email, our TMCA website and Facebook page for updated information on cruises and social events. In the meantime, be smart and stay safe.

Bryan Austin
TMCA Commodore, 2020



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

Bryan Mason, Vice Commodore

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Well we have somehow made it to July and hope everybody is healthy. Last month's meeting was generally well attended all things considered. Dr. Kutsen always puts on a good medical presentation. July's guest speaker is to be determined, but leaning towards a talk about dingy maintenance. As we get further into July the availability of the Elks Lodge will more concrete, currently the Elks is closed.

There is an upcoming July 4th cruise to Moody and looks to be a good time as always. Then there is a cruise to Harbor Walk the following weekend. So get out there and enjoy the fresh air, sun and plenty of heat.

Bryan Mason
Vice Commodore



The Social Scuttlebutt

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Hey TMCA!!

Well friends, as we all are aware due to Covid-19, Summer Fun is once again limited. In years past TMCA was either doing multiple cruises, Friday night Fire Works, dock parties etc. What an interesting year 2020 has been so far.

HUGE SHOUT OUT TO: Dr. Kutson, the June TMCA monthly meeting was fantastic. ER doc and Mantus Anchor co-founder, Dr. Greg Kutson shared his medical insight on provisions he recommends for extended cruising. If you didn't get to see it LIVE, you are in luck. It is on our TMCA FB page for replay and I believe Dr. Kutson has agreed to share his presentation!

Not sure what the future holds for upcoming events so stay tuned. I am creating a Commodore's Ball Committee and would love to have any and all join in the fun. Send me a text if available to participate.

Until then, be safe and cheers to your health!

Cheers!!

Cindy Austin

Rear Commodore



On Plane with the Port

Lori Grissom, Port Captain

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Hello there, hope everyone is staying well. I'm so over this Covid virus stuff and ready to have our lives back. Just when we thought the Dock party was coming back..... the rug was once again pulled out from under us, and a No Go for July. I know we all want to gather but it is more important not too right now unless you can do it safely keeping your family and friends healthy. This too shall pass!! I miss all my boating friends and can't wait to see y'all again! Stay healthy and continue boating!!!

***Lori Grissom
Port Captain 2020***



[The Cruise Corner](#)

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Happy summer, cruisers! While we haven't had a lot of organized cruises, I know y'all must be using your boats because the lake and bay have been very busy. Good on ya'!

The recent Blessing of the Fleet was a lovely success. Several of our TMCA boats took awards for décor. See the TMCA Face Book page for the winners list.

We have a few cruises scheduled for July...4th of July at Moody and then the following week the Boswell's are planning a fun weekend at Harbor Walk. Come join the fun.

With all the cancellations, I struggle with what to put on this page. I actually thought about writing about some of my favorite past cruises. But instead, I would like to hear from YOU. Please send me a short memory of one of your favorite cruises and I will pick a few to publish here and on the FB page. And maybe, you'll spark someone's imagination to re-create that memorable cruise. Please send them to me at jeanmarie1017@gmail.com. Thanks!

A quick reminder for new and seasoned members...this club is smoothly run by an all volunteer crew, who thru my years as a member, have done a GREAT job! Please consider helping out when and where you can. For instance, if you would like to lead a cruise, please step up and let me know. It can be by any manner of vessel to any location for any length of time. Dingy up Clear Creek, overnight at Cedar, Offatts or Double Bayou, Moody, Harbor Walk or HYC, Nassau Bay, etc. Thanks in advance for your volunteerism!

Jean Mason
Cruise Captain



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. We've had some excellent cruises recently and it was good to see many of you at the June meeting.

We are up to 390 members! Still down from 2019 but given the circumstances this year it's understandable. 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 in the crowd!

A special welcome to our newest members in the last month:
Charles and MaryAnn Crossno
Dustin and Samantha Hopson
Patrick and Michelle McAndrew
Bert Perkins

If you see them around say hello!

If you still need to renew or have a friend who wants to join the easiest way is via the website. 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.

See you on the water!
Cyndi McDermott
Secretary



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Hi TMCA and happy summer! Looks like things are “thawing out” and people are getting back out and about.

I just filed the club's Unclaimed Property Report and so I want to take the opportunity to tell you how to check to see if the State of Texas has any of your own unclaimed funds.

Texas has required institutions, businesses and governmental entities to report to the state any personal property that has been unclaimed for up to five years, depending on the property in question.

Unclaimed property can be abandoned assets. Some examples: dividend, payroll or cashier's checks, stocks, bonds or mutual fund accounts, utility deposits and other refund, bank accounts and safe deposit box contents, insurance proceeds, mineral

interest or royalty payments, court deposits, trust funds or escrow accounts, overpayments on insurance, utilities and other bills.

Unclaimed property does not include real estate or vehicles.

There is no statute of limitations for unclaimed property. Funds reported will remain here indefinitely until returned to their rightful owner.

So, if you want to check to see if an old bank account balance or uncashed check is waiting for you, check <https://claimitexas.org/>

Meade LeBlanc
Treasurer

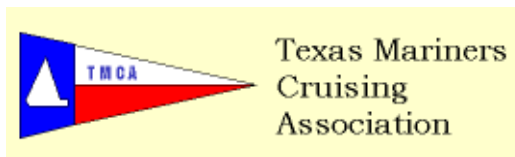
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