



June 2020



At the Helm

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This is your Commodore Speaking, We are beginning to see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel; and I'm not talking about the lighting strike we took on our boat several weeks ago. We are thoughtfully and carefully turning back on our club events. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page (TMCA) for information on upcoming events, cruises and of course our new website rollout.

The TMCA Leadership Team has adjusted our approach to social activities while additional state and local restrictions are in affect. For cruises, instead of the traditional pot-luck meal sharing, we will ask members to bring and eat their own food. Participation in "Docktails" and "Sterngating" will be at the discretion of each member. Dock parties will have a similar restriction. Food may be provided if purchased directly from a commercial establishment

and properly handled. For example, the June Dock Party at Watergate Marina is hosted by Sailing Angels. They will provide pizza and maintain an orderly and controlled access to it; allowing persons to manage their social distancing they are comfortable with.

While our boat is recovering from a lightning strike, we spent the last ten days out on the water cruising with friends. We made stops at Moody Gardens Marina, Surfside Marina, anchored in the San Bernard river and then headed home with an overnight stop at Harborwalk Marina. We were really impressed with Surfside Marina and the staff. They dropped what they were doing to help us dock our boats. They have a ship store and clean showers that are both open 24/7. I spoke to Jason Ross, the manager of the marina about our Club. He has graciously agreed to establish a \$50/night TMCA rate. Just show your TMCA member badge. A nice restaurant is within walking distance. Also nearby are golf cart rentals. We spent a full day driving around Surfside and checking out the beach and other establishments. Jason is looking forward to seeing us again.

Finally, June 1 is the beginning of hurricane season and there is already something brewing in the southern Gulf of Mexico. Take some time to review how you would secure your boat. This includes identifying the extra lines and fenders you would use, how to remove bimini canvas and sails and how you would shutdown your boat and configure it for the coming storm; all with the assumption you may not be able to return to it for several days or even weeks.

Stay safe, be smart and I look forward to seeing you on the water.

Bryan Austin
TMCA Commodore, 2020



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

Bryan Mason, Vice Commodore

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Well another hurricane season starts today and there is something possible in the Bay of Campeche, keep a sharp eye on the forecast. Nothing like hitting the gate running, sheesh. It has been a real interesting year so far.

Our next monthly meeting will be Friday, June 19th at the Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Road, in Kemah. 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 Greg Kutson, M.D. of Mantus Marine. If you have not had the pleasure of listening to one of Greg's seminars, then this is a "don't miss" event. We wanted to restart TMCA monthly meetings with a great presentation. I have asked Greg to talk briefly about Mantus Marine's new anchor design and any other products then

go into his cruising medicine seminar. 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 a mask if that makes you comfortable, as we all know there is plenty of room at the Elks club to physical distancing, well unless it is the Bunco Party, then that is a full house.

Jean and I hope to see ya'll there.

Bryan Mason
Vice Commodore



[The Social Scuttlebutt](#)

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Hey TMCA!!

June is here and SUMMER FUN has begun. I am very excited about things reopening or returning to a new normal but continue to be safe and social distance and be sure to wash hands often and use sanitizer.

Hope y'all have been out on the water and enjoying this weather. We've been out there and have seen several of you out there as well.

We are looking forward to upcoming events. Such as the Sailing Angels Dock Party, Blessing of the Fleet and the TMCA monthly meeting!

Until then, be safe and cheers to your health!

Cheers!!

Cindy Austin

Rear Commodore



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Happy June 2020. It almost feels like January as far as events go. It's time to get things going again. I hope all of you have been well throughout this pandemic. I am so excited to say our June 12th Dock party is a go! Sailing Angels will be hosting a pizza gathering at 6pm at Watergate Marina pier 25. Some of you that are involved with Sailing Angels may have already RSVP'd via their evite but for those that have not, please take the time to go to your TMCA calendar & register so we can get a good head count. Also on the calendar is a copy of their evite that shows how they are taking precautions to do their part in helping us stay safe. We have been in our cocoons long enough, it's time to bust out and spread our wings once more. In July we will be having our Dock party on Friday the 3rd at Moody Gardens. Hopefully we will get to see Fireworks from the docks. Keep an eye open for further details. Until then, I'll see you on the docks!

Lori Grissom
Port Captain



The Cruise Corner

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Wait! What?!? It's June?!? Where has the first half of this year gone? Like you, I'm hoping that we can quickly put the first half of 2020 in the logbooks and write about a few more positive developments in the near future. If nothing else, I hope you've recorded the boat maintenance items you've completed...let the cruising commence...

There actually were some lovely cruises in May. Memorial Day at Moody was a relaxing return to one of our favorite destinations. It was great to see some old faces and especially nice to have some newer cruisers join in the fun.

The San Bernard River Anchorage was attended by a nice number of boats, and hopefully this quiet location will be utilized again in the future.

There have also been impromptu jaunts to Redfish and Cedar Bayou for some weekends of quiet reflection away from the land-based world.

June has a few things on the calendar. The Blessing of the Fleet, hosted by our good friends at the Elks Club is on Sunday, June 28. This is one of the events that TMCA is glad to support and I encourage you to get signed up on the TMCA web site. (m/v Marie Ellis is).

Also, at the end of the month is the Texas Outlaw Challenge, which has a cruise scheduled to Harbor Walk for viewing of the incredible boats...and maybe some people watching, too!

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! So glad we are beginning to have some cruises again and hopefully a membership meeting soon! I appreciate those that got their renewals in before we migrate to the new website so we don't lose anyone. 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!

Please welcome our newest members:

Daniel and Nancy Robison

Les and Pam Whitney

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. Log in, go to the membership tab, My Account- Renew here!, and click on the membership tab below your profile photo (it's not highlighted in blue so might be a bit deceiving!) Make sure all of your personal information is up to date as well. 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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Greetings TMCA members and hope you are safe and ready to get back on the water.

Your chief bean counter has been safe at home and making sure our cash balances have stayed secure. Not much activity for April and May of course do my job has been a breeze!

I am looking forward to things picking back up and a safe and fun summer ahead!

See you out on the water and in other venues as soon as it is prudent

Meade LeBlanc
Treasurer

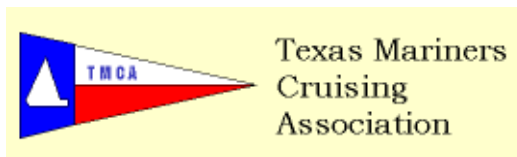
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