



October 2020



At the Helm

Bryan Austin, Commodore

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This is your Commodore Speaking,

The restrictions on social gathering continues to limit our Club activities. We have cancelled recent dock parties and other social events including our annual wine tasting event and the popular Allens Landing cruise. One interesting side effect is the recent cruises have taken on a more relaxed and laid back theme which many have enjoyed. When the time comes and we put the COVID restrictions in the rear view mirror, I'm sure we will crank up the fun and social activities at some of the upcoming cruises. I know Chris and John Boswell are ready to unleash a whole new set of games.

Have you felt the change in the weather? Fall is slowing arriving, providing some of the best cruising weather. Don't miss out on this time to enjoy time on the water, anchoring out or an extended cruise along the Texas coast.

Speaking of an extended cruise, I encourage everyone to consider our Fall Fling fundraiser cruise to Port Arthur and Pleasure Island Marina the weekend of October 23rd. Our Cruise Captain is working closely with the leaders at the Port Arthur Yacht Club to put on a great event with all proceeds going to help the Lake Charles Yacht Club get back on their feet following the destruction caused by hurricane Laura. Check the TMCA website (<http://www.texasmariners.com>) for more details.

Our Nomination Committee has been meeting (virtually) to identify members who would agree to give of their time and be nominated to one of the 2021 Board positions. I will communicate the Nomination Committee recommendations prior to the October 16th Monthly Meeting. Contact me or one of the current Board members if you would like to be considered.

Stay safe, boat smart

Bryan Austin
TMCA Commodore, 2020



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

Bryan Mason, Vice Commodore

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The only news I have for the month is the monthly meeting is on for October 16th starting at 6:00PM! It will be at the El Lago Community pavilion. Socializing will be starting at 6:00PM followed by a short TMCA business session. Up next will be our own Phil Geren as our guest speaker. The topic will be the long awaited presentation on boat handling skills. Following Phil, will be the stump speeches for our candidate board members. It looks to be a fun and enlightening meeting. Make sure you bring chairs, adult beverages and bug spray is probably a good idea. Hope to see ya'll there.

Bryan Mason
Vice Commodore



[The Social Scuttlebutt](#)

Cindy Austin, Rear Commodore

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Hey TMCA!!

Happy October!

Commodore's Ball UPDATE!!! Save the date: December 19th is the night of the big event. A committee is formed and we are working with LYC to make this happen. It's still fluid but looking like we are going to be able to have the ball at LYC. Downside, we will not be able to bring our boats as LYC has cancelled all reciprocity since covid. As of this moment (could change), masks are required unless you are sitting at the table. Additionally, brunch the following day has been cancelled.

More details soon.

Until then, be safe and cheers to your health!

[Cindy Austin](#)
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Its Fall Ya'!!! Happy October I hope you are all staying well and continuing to find ways to have fun and keep your sanity. I hated to cancel yet another dock party, but it was at the request of the business owner so I respected his decision. There has to be a way to still share our fun time with others. Lets start posting selfie docktail pictures or fun pictures we have with our families to our TMCA Facebook page and share our good times with each other. I am looking forward to the dinghy cruise up Clear Creek October 3rd so I can see some friendly faces and have fun from afar. The year 2020 is for sure one for the books. Please stay safe, and lets start posting those pictures!!! Hope to see you soon.

***Lori Grissom
Port Captain 2020***



[The Cruise Corner](#)

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I'm breathing much anticipated cool, dry air! And the start of possibly our best boating weather of the year! I personally love it, when out on the water in Marie Ellis, when I can shut off the generator and air conditioners, and listen to the water, birds and all the other sounds of boating! Even though the weather was rather hot back at the beginning of September, we had a great cruise to Moody for Labor Day weekend. There were numerous members who chose to anchor out in Offatts and there was much dinghy use. Seems like everyone is overdue for some quality boat time.

A dinghy cruise and picnic up Clear Creek is scheduled for the first weekend in October, and if you missed it, consider leading one of these short cruises. They're fun, stress free, and don't take up a whole day...so you can get back to your regularly scheduled boat maintenance chores!

There is a weekend cruise to Cedar Bayou on October 17-18. Come join us on this wonderful cruise up Cedar Bayou, bayou entrance just north of Morgan's Point. See the event write-up on the calendar for more details.

The following write-up is also on the web site calendar. Please consider joining this very worthy cause...let's not forget how fortunate we were to have missed the experience of Hurricane Laura.

[Friday, October 23 - Monday, October 26 Fall Fling Fundraiser for Lake Charles Yacht Club](#)

At the end of August, we all had our eyes to the sky and our ears to the forecast, and ultimately, most of us prepared ourselves and our boats for the coming of Hurricane Laura. In the end, it was a good practice run for what may come to our marinas one day. We dodged a bullet and were grateful! Unfortunately, our friends in Lake Charles took a major hit and well over a month later, they are still cleaning up. Port Arthur Yacht Club (PAYC) is hosting a fundraising event to benefit the LCYC. TMCA will be chipping in by having a cruising event which will be similar, although MUCH smaller in scale, to our always popular Spring Fling at Pleasure Island Marina. LET'S HELP OUR NEIGHBORS JUST A SHORT DRIVE/CRUISE AWAY!

The cruise will be 3 nights, October 23, 24, 25 for \$100/slip at the Pleasure Island Marina.

You will have the opportunity to purchase (in advance) Friday and Saturday night catered dinners, Saturday and Sunday light breakfast and Saturday lunch.

An outside dining and gathering area will be set up under a large tent, which is also where a Friday DJ will be set up and a Cajun live band will perform on Saturday evening.

Keg beer and rum (sponsored by PAYC) will be available with donations accepted.

Since TMCA's annual wine tasting has been cancelled, TMCA will be pouring assorted wines both nights for donations. Please come prepared for "CASH ONLY" donations at the event.

Kona Ice will be on site Saturday afternoon and available for purchase. A portion of sales going to LCYC.

Land yachts are encouraged to participate! Local hotels available in and around Port Arthur.

There is a limit of 65 boat slips available to TMCA as there are going to be other boats coming in for Two Step and Jitterbug Regattas. More details on that will be coming from PAYC if you are interested in participating.

Our deadline for registration is October 16. There will be choices regarding the food service to be made at the time of registration. The slip rental is for 3 nights inclusive of slip, water and power.

Come out and show TMCA's always generous spirit...in addition to having a great weekend. We'll reminisce about past Spring Flings and dream of the next one...to be planned soon!

Jean Mason
Cruise Captain



Secretary's Report

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Nothing new to report

See you on the water!

Cyndi McDermott

Secretary



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

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October 1 is the first day of the Harvest Moon this year. I learned that the Harvest Moon is the first full moon closest to the start of autumn, and is typically in September. So I don't know why the Harvest Moon Regatta is always in October. Anyone know? The closest I will get to that regatta is watching the boats from a restaurant in Galveston. I don't mind being a cheerleader but I am definitely not the "sail overnight, watch out for all the barges" type of sailor. For those who have raced it before, or who plan to race it this year, congratulations!

On the financial front, the bank balances are in excellent shape, due to a combination of membership being pretty close to the budget, and unfortunately not being able to spend funds on important club activities like training and wine tasting. Let's hope for a better 2021.

***Meade LeBlanc
Treasurer***

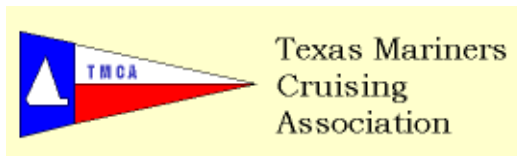
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