



August 2021



At the Helm

Lady Jane Stone, Commodore

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The first half of this year presented us with unique challenges to find creative ways to safely have meetings, educational and social events, and cruises. Your board rose to the occasion by finding fun ways to follow protocol and resume more traditional avenues for members to safely enjoy boating and social activities with friends, participate in meetings remotely and continue to expand their boating knowledge and skills. I'm thrilled that our summer is filled with so many activities, but as the restrictions lessen, we unfortunately are seeing the number of cases increase again, so I ask everyone to please remain vigilant and practice safety precautions when appropriate. Don't let that Sunshine State of Mind blind your good judgement ...

Another area that can affect us as boaters, for which we also need to be vigilant, is hurricane season (June 1 - November 30). August is the beginning of the most active months and while 2021 is not expected to be as bad as last year, it is predicted to possibly have 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher). Are you prepared? Do you have a hurricane plan?

Some suggestions: create a checklist, take inventory and pictures of items on your boat and of your boat for insurance, make copies of important paperwork, talk to other boaters on how your marina fared in previous storms, have a plan on what and how to secure (particularly if you live a distance away), make sure your fuel and water tanks are filled, ensure you have adequate dock lines, make friends with your neighbors and make an emergency contact list, consider what you might need if your marina is without power for an extended time and review your insurance policy.

Here's a good hurricane preparedness article from BoatUS.

https://www.boatus.com/hurricanes/assets/pdf/swhurr_prep_guide.pdf

August is also when we organize the Nominating Committee to begin our search for next year's potential officers. Can you believe it is already that time?! I will need at least two members to please volunteer – one who has been a member for 5 or more years and one who has been a member for 2 years or less. Please contact me if you would like to help with this process. It's fun and informative to learn how the props go 'round behind the scenes of TMCA – we not only need your input but welcome it.

Another committee we'll need volunteers for, that you'll be hearing about from our Rear Commodore, is for the Commodore's Ball. Chris started planning for this in January but will begin actively working on all the details this month. Even if you might not have done this sort of thing before, that isn't a reason not to now! If that were the case, *Pier Pressure* and I might not have ever left the slip. (many hands make light work)

Come on, jump in, the water's great! ...the more you participate in TMCA, the more you will gain from it and the more FUN you will have!

Ladye Jane Stone
Commodore 2021





[From the Cockpit](#)
Lori Friemel, Vice Commodore
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The busiest time for events seems to be when it is the hottest outside. With so many fun events it is sometimes hard to decide which to attend. Now that we have sold Seascope, we must really adjust our leisure activities. Like many, we are already looking for the next vessel in which to have some big adventures. The search may take a while, but deciding on the right boat will be worth the effort. Remember to be safe while on the water and when out for summer events. Stay hydrated and don't get overheated. Both conditions can alter your judgement.

Most boaters recognize their environmental obligation to keep waterways clean, mainly because they have a vested interest. Our boating experience is much more enjoyable in unpolluted waters. This can make boat cleaning a challenge. With some small changes to a cleaning routine, we can get a clean boat and leave less water pollution. These are just a few areas that can help make us environmentally friendly boaters.

Most detergents contain toxic ingredients such as chlorine, phosphates and ammonia, which are extremely harmful to plant and aquatic life. Many harsh cleaners, soaps and detergents will also remove the protective wax coating on your boat. For soaps and cleaning products, make sure to use the least toxic products. Look for 'phosphate-free', 'non-polluting' and 'biodegradable' on the product label. Or, use some handy do-it-yourself cleaners made from basic, readily available and less harmful ingredients.

	Replacement Cleaner
To Bleach:	Borax or Hydrogen Peroxide
To Polish Wood:	Three parts olive oil and one-part white vinegar
To Polish Chrome/ Metal:	Apple Cider Vinegar to clean; baby oil to polish
To Scour:	Baking Soda
To Clean:	
Fiberglass Stains	Paste of Baking Soda and Salt
Aluminum	Two Tbsp. Cream of Tartar in one quart of water
Brass	Paste of equal parts vinegar, salt and water
Decks/ Floors	Cup of Vinegar in gallon of water (this will remove polish)
Mildew/ Mold	Paste of equal parts Lemon Juice and Salt; or, Vinegar and Salt
Shower	Wet area; sprinkle on Baking Soda; rub with scouring cloth
Refrigerator	Wipe with wet cloth dipped in Baking Soda
Toilet	Add Baking Soda, brush. A cup of Vinegar overnight to reduce salt build-up
Windows	Cup of Vinegar in quart of warm water. Wash, rinse and squeegee

Water and dirt will cascade off a well-waxed boat. Give the boat a thorough cleaning, apply a good coat of wax and polish to shine like when she was new. (Or, hire a good crew to do this part!). The wax will prevent surface dirt from becoming engrained. When necessary to clean the boat, slish it with a lot of water, clean with a soft mop and lightly repolish the wax.

Oil spills are not confined to the giant oil tankers or offshore rigs. Any engine can leak oil and fuel. This type of discharge is illegal and extremely harmful to the environment. A single quart of oil can pollute an area equivalent to three football fields of water surface. If you spill fuel or oil into the water DO NOT DISPERSE IT WITH DETERGENT OR SOAP. This only disperses the pollutant into smaller less-visible droplets to be spread over a larger area and also sends the problem down to the seafloor where it becomes more toxic and more difficult to clean up. A better option is to use an oil absorbent pad to soak up the spill, which can then be removed from the water and disposed of properly. Identifying things that stress the environment, and keeping them off the boat, is a step toward environment-friendly boating.

The **TMCA August Monthly Meeting will be Friday, August 16th** at the Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Rd, in Kemah. Our speaker this month will be **Kelly Groce**, Angler and Photojournalist with Saltwater Angler. She will be speaking to us about her adventures fishing the Gulf Coast and be giving us some tips to catch fish in our area. Socializing and dinner orders begin at 6:00 pm. The business portion of the meeting starts at 7:00 pm and the program starts following the business portion of the meeting. Come enjoy dinner and drinks at great prices. I hope to see you there. And, don't forget to wear your name badge.

Always learning!
Lori Friemel



[The Social Scuttlebutt](#)
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Hello,

Another month has passed and the heat keeps kicking up!

Mark your calendars for the next Special Event. For those new to TMCA, this is a very popular event.

***The Annual Wine Tasting Party at El Lago
Saturday, September 11th***

- *There are usually five different wines to taste
- *Social gathering with all your TMCA friends
- *Appetizers
- *Music
- *The night usually ends with dancing

The calendar will be updated shortly with the details and registration will open. Also, mark your calendars for the **Commodore's Ball** on Saturday, December 18th at Lakewood Yacht Club. More details will be coming on this

Food For Thought!

Election for officers will be upon us sooner than you think.

Who will be the next Rear Commodore?
Will it be You?

Chris Boswell
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[Port Activity Report](#)

Janet Abraham, Port Captain

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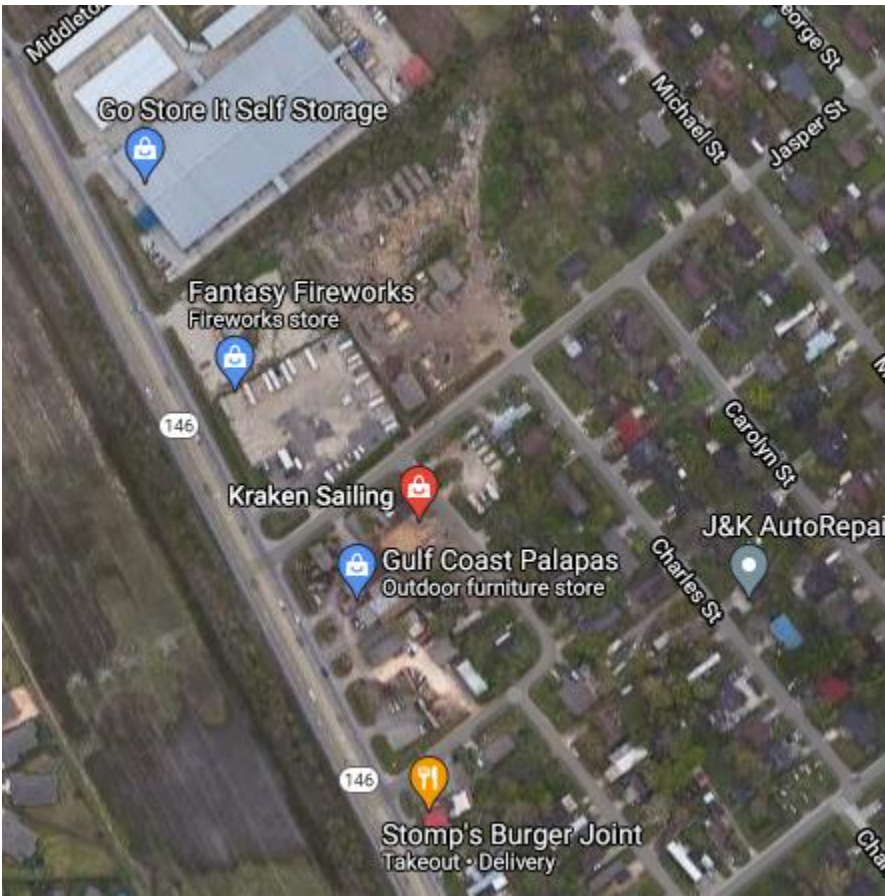
A humongous THANK YOU! to Bron and Steve Lee for hosting a spectacular ice cream social at Watergate Marina! Many thanks to Cookie Johnson for facilitating the party, and to the supporting ice cream makers, Kay Waghorn and Ladye Jane Stone. There were so many flavors I couldn't get to them all and so much ice cream there were left overs!

Thanks to everyone for coming out and bringing a dish, it was fun to visit with everyone and try so many summer desserts. Hope you didn't miss the Margarita watermelon balls – over the top!



TMCA APPRECIATION DOCK PARTY

The **August 7 Dock Party** is at Kraken Sailing located at 3006 Demrod St, Bacliff, TX 77518 from 6-9 pm. Brandon is providing Outriggers tacos, beer, wine, Kraken rum and soft drinks to show appreciation for TMCA members. There will be representatives from a couple other local marine businesses and some heavily discounted gear for sale. There is no charge for the event; if you haven't registered you may still attend. Parking may be challenging, so please carpool if you can.





[Anchors Away](#)

John Boswell, Cruise Captain

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Hello TMCA Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their boats this summer. I came across this little tidbit of information from a member who got it from another member, so I thought I would pass it on to everyone in the club.

- Do you have smelly, slow moving drains or shower sumps that are not performing like they used to?
- Condensation drains from your air conditioners, are they draining properly?
- Need a safe and biodegradable solution?
- Don't use bleach, it's very corrosive.
- Here is your answer:



Green Gobbler Enzyme Drain Cleaner
Available at Home Depot in the plumbing section
for \$19.99
Amazon for \$22

I hope this will help some of you out there, just remember, there is a vast amount of knowledge floating around TMCA members. Just ask.

See you on the water,
John Boswell
Cruise Captain





Secretary's Dispatch

Kay Waghorne, Secretary

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Growing our Membership

As of our July Meeting we have 308 Renewed Members, 108 New Members, 16 Active Lifetime Members for a total of 432 Current Active Members.

Help us welcome the new members from the July meeting:

**Michael and Shu Sylvers
Gilbert Arrazolo and Maya Hartmann
Kristi and G. Ron Poole
Fatema and Wasim Khan
Frank Donaldson
Wesley McNeely**

New Member Discount

Beginning July 1st New Members can join at 50% off the annual dues rate plus initiation fee. They will have full membership privileges to the end of the year. That is just \$23 for single and \$38 for Dual Membership... Plus the \$25 initiation fee.

Please let your friends and dock mates know that now is a good time to come to a meeting, check out our club and join.

Let me know if I can help in any way!

Kay Waghorne, Secretary
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[Mathmagician's Message](#)

Meade LeBlanc, Treasurer

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Ahoy From your Treasurer!

First and foremost, the club's bank account is healthy and the club is operating well within the budget.

The summer doldrums are upon us, but I hope you are able to get out on the water when the weather cooperates.

My husband took our sailboat Reflection recently to volunteer with Sailing Angels and it was our first time volunteering with that organization in over a year. It was a pleasant couple of hours on the water and it's always exciting to see people enjoy boating for their first time.



Webmaster's Wonders

Linda Schoene, Webmaster

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I really enjoyed talking with John, what was his wife's name?

We just moved our boat to Watergate. I wonder who else from TMCA is here?

Their boat is called Sun something.

You can find out all these answers on the TMCA website under the Members Only section -> Members Directory -> Advance Search



[Click here for TMCA Calendar](#)

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