



June 2021



At the Helm

Lady Jane Stone, Commodore

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We are all eager to get out and enjoy some outdoor activities, as was evident in that we had 3 cruises planned Memorial weekend. Ken & Kelly Hutchinson organized a lot of fun and creative events for their cruise to Moody. I loved seeing a mix of old and new members participating. I hope everyone will try to participate in some of the activities TMCA has planned this summer. Whether it is a few hours on the weekend at one of our social events or one of our many TMCA cruises. On our cruise back from Moody aboard Calypso, I was reminded how lucky we are to be able to enjoy our boating lifestyle and by the amount of boats sharing the water with us, that I wasn't the only one thinking that

way! I'm so proud to be part of TMCA and such a great group of boaters, who always try to operate their boats in a safe, knowledgeable and courteous way. Fly those TMCA burgees proudly and keep up the great seamanship! Take a moment to review the TMCA Boating Best Practices and remember to exercise them.

June 1 is the beginning of hurricane season (although, there were a few boats anchored in Offatts Bayou this weekend that may have thought it started early). Take this time to review your hurricane preparation plans with fellow boaters. With all the boating experience in our club, we can all learn something new. How will you secure your boat? Identify the extra lines and fenders to use, how to remove bimini canvas and sails and how you will shut down your boat with the assumption you may not be able to return to it for several days or even weeks. If you live away from the area, have a buddy in the marina that can keep an eye on your boat and you informed of the conditions.

One of the things I think TMCA really does well, is sharing information on subjects like navigation, new technologies, engine maintenance, boat systems, anchoring, docking and safety equipment. I'm always impressed with the wealth of knowledge that is readily shared by our members. Members are always comparing lessons learned after

their cruises and day trips on the bay. Whether its new waypoints, hazard locations, a new product or just a great place to go to, there is always an exchange of information going on. Hopefully this will help us all have a safer and more enjoyable time while using our boats!

Remember, your input and participation are what helps TMCA continue to thrive. Encourage some new TMCA members to attend some of our activities, offer some experience, or simply share a fun story from a recent event. Remind them that the more they participate in TMCA, the more they will gain from it and the more FUN they will have!

Ladye Jane Stone
Commodore 2021





[From the Cockpit](#)

Lori Friemel, Vice Commodore

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What a great turn-out for the Women on the Water class! Thank you to our presenters and organizers for an outstanding effort, you were amazing. And thank you to all of the ladies that attended. We all had a lot of fun while learning some important information. Education gives you confidence and we now have many more confident ladies. If you were unable to attend the class, consider taking an online or local course on a boating topic that interests you. With the enthusiasm we had for this class, we will certainly consider adding more WOW events in the future. The on the water portion of WOW is this month, June 19th and should be another great opportunity for the ladies to learn together. Check the website calendar for more details.

Most people like to tie on a fender using a clove hitch. This multi-purpose knot is quick and easy to tie and it looks nice. The clove hitch is easily undone for adjusting or removing, and this is the very reason why it is not always the best choice for tying a fender. It gives the impression of a strong knot, but in reality, should not be trusted. It can come loose if not under constant pressure and can bind when you least want it to. Half hitches are often added to the clove hitch for added security. The added half hitches cause strain on the original knot and may cause it to bind and make it difficult to untie.

The clove hitch is fine for hanging a fender temporarily or to just look good, but if it needs to function for a fender, it could possibly come undone under variable tension. Boats naturally move and the tension variation caused by the movement could be enough to loosen or undo a clove hitch.

A way to ensure that your fender will not come undone is to either tie it on with a bowline, which is hard to adjust and does not look good, or use a round turn and two half hitches. This classic knot is used by many commercial boats for tying fenders that stay in place and need frequent adjusting. Though not as attractive as a clove hitch, it is more suitable for fenders because it is easily adjustable, does not slip and will stay tied.



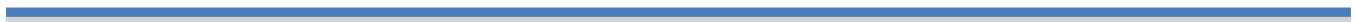
As a fender squeezes up against the dock or another boat, a lot of force is put on it and unless it is tied on properly, there is a good chance that this repeated action will

loosen the knot and you could lose a fender. This is not good for many reasons, mainly because your boat is no longer protected.

Whichever knot you choose to use to tie a fender, be sure to check it frequently to be sure that it is secure and your boat is protected.

The **TMCA May Monthly Meeting will be Friday, June 18th** at the Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Rd, in Kemah. Socializing and dinner orders begin at 6:00pm. 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. And, don't forget to wear your name badge and bring your mask.

Always learning!
Lori Friemel





[The Social Scuttlebutt](#)

Chris Boswell, Rear Commodore

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Summer is upon us!

What happened to May? It just flew by. The TMCA calendar is full of events. I think there are more than I have seen since I joined in 2016. There are decisions as to what event to attend almost every weekend!

Speaking of events, we have a new event being planned for June. We have not had this event before and are looking to make it an annual event.

Yes, that's right the **TMCA Member**

Birthday Party! Members are already

signing up to attend, but let's make this a big **PARTY!**

Go out to the website and **REGISTER!**

June 19th, 6:00pm – 10:00pm

El Lago Event Center

Remember all the fun things you did as a kid at your friend's Birthday Parties? We are bringing those days back

*Who thinks they can dock a boat blind folded? Come try, this should be interesting

*Musical Chairs? This is an old favorite

*Birthday Presents, what's a Birthday Party without presents? Each member bring a wrapped present between \$15-\$20 for exchange

***Party Hats** – Let's be creative, I have seen the creativity in this group so there is sure to be some fun hats

All the details are out on the website, check it out and register let's **PARTY!**

Chris Boswell

Rear Commodore

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Port Activity Report
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Port Activity Report

Many thanks to Mike and Jean Dobbs for hosting the perfect dock party on May 7th at Waterford. A beautiful marina venue, ample space, seating and parking. The weather was perfect - warm and sunny merged into a beautiful sunset and cool evening breeze. It was a jovial crowd, glad to be out – even the musicians were a happy crew. Thanks to David Brown for adding the smell of grilling to the ambiance – let’s do more of this!





Hurricane Stay Away! Dock Party June 4th 6-9pm

Lakewood Yacht Club

2322 Lakewood Yacht Club Drive
Seabrook, TX 77586

Club
House

Parking

Pavilion



The **June 4th Hurricane Stay Away! Dock Party** is hosted by Shelli Gregory at the Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC) covered pavilion. The ceremony includes spIKEed Hurricane drinks and Katrina shots for our LA & MS friends. Bring your own ice chests, chairs and hurricane party snacks.

At the LYC security gate tell them you are there for the TMCA dock party. Drive Past the clubhouse and park as far south as you can.

The **July 10 Dock Party** will be an ice cream social hosted by Bron and Steve Lee. Since they are berthing their new boat at Watergate (vice Waterford) we are still coordinating the exact location and time. Bron has offered to churn up homemade ice cream. Please note that July 10 is a Saturday.



Anchors Away

John Boswell, Cruise Captain

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Ahoy TMCA Members

Have you ever had a Courtesy Vessel Safety Check performed on your boat?

No cost, no penalty if you don't pass.

Great information.

Can be done at your marina, driveway or TMCA Event.

I am going to reach out to the Power Squadron and see if they can come check our vessels while at the Harborittavlle Cruise in Harborwalk.

But you can use this form to schedule your own safety check.

Happy boating and stay safe.

John Boswell

Cruise Captain

Have a Courtesy Vessel Safety Check at Your Boat!!

Both the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons have certified vessel examiners who will perform a free Vessel Safety Check ("VSC") at your boat, at a time of mutual convenience. There is no charge, and no consequences if you don't pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends, through education. Personal pleasure craft, only(*).

Please fill out the form below, completing every field. **We recommend using Microsoft Internet Explorer.** Note that we typically can perform the VSC wherever your boat is located, or by mutual arrangement you may bring your boat to our examiner. **Note: The correct STREET ADDRESS of the boat or marina's location is required to find the nearest examiner(s).**

You will be contacted by one of up to five volunteer examiners, whose names will be provided in a confirmation email. Hit SUBMIT when all required fields are complete. The Street Address, City and Zip

Contact Information:

First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>

Boat Location:

Street Address or Marina <u>Address</u> <u>s</u>	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	

Please select state

Zip Code	<input type="text"/>
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I can bring my boat to the examiner

Code *must* match, in each case. **Do not use a PO Box for the address as it cannot be used to calculate the distance to our volunteers. When you click the Submit button, you will be taken to a new page. If it returns to this page, there is a problem with your information, email, phone or address or if your information is correct it means there are no volunteer examiners within twenty miles of your location.**

(*) Please note that a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is for personal pleasure craft only. This site is not meant to be used to request inspections on commercial boats such as the Six-Pack or Commercial Fishing Vessels. If this is what you are looking for, contact the closest US Coast Guard unit for assistance in getting an inspection. This link will help you find the closest unit: www.uscg.mil.



Secretary's Dispatch

Kay Waghorne, Secretary

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Growing our Membership

Last year was a challenge to our TMCA Membership. However, I am delighted to report that our membership is growing. We have a total of 416 Active Members and that includes 96 New Members!!!

Help us welcome the new members from the May meeting:

**Bartholomew Tim
John & Darcy Hansen
Kurt & Angelia Filer
Brice Sumrall
Christine Pereira
Michael Ricketson
Steve & John Anderson
Rick & Laura Heiman
Don & Dusty Pickering
Bruce Snider**

Let's be friends.

Introducing friends and dock-mates to TMCA is a great way to build our membership. Having a connection with someone always helps both the member and prospective member feel comfortable getting involved. Why not invite a someone you know to a meeting or event? We would love to meet your friends.

Who is that person?

Wearing your name badge is part of the group protocol. It is nice to put a name with a face. And let's face it, remembering names is not always our strong suit! So, even if you have a great memory, please humor us! Wear your name badge anyway.



Will my boat fit?

Having the correct information about your boat's size, electrical requirements and your preference of bow in vs. stern in and port or starboard tie is very important for slip assignments on our cruises. Please make sure that your profiles are up to date. If it is a dual membership, please make sure the information is on both profiles.

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions!

Kay Waghorne, Secretary

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Mathmagician's Message

Meade LeBlanc, Treasurer

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Treasurer report June 2021

Thanks to our members Christopher Curran and Rick Heussner for auditing the club's financial records for 2020. There were some good recommendations that came out of their audit, including making sure that neither the Commodore nor the Treasurer can approve reimbursements to themselves. It is a positive sign that our club openly looks for constructive feedback to improve our processes, especially where the club's money is concerned.

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year. Now's the time to get out there and enjoy the water, in that brief window between winter and hurricane season.

Stay safe and see you soon.

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Webmaster's Wonders

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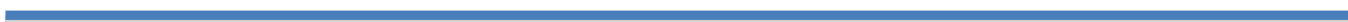
Membership cards are available for members on the TMCA website. Log in, and click Members Only -> Member Profile. It's available to display on a smart phone, or you can print one out. You can use this card at Blackburn Marine for a discount, or use in conjunction with your Yachting Clubs of America card to show proof of membership.



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Use the Member Directory! Want to find out who else is in your marina? See a boat, remember the boat's name, and can't remember the owner's name? There's lots of search options on the TMCA website. Go to Members Only -> Members Directory. There's a simple search by name (or partial name), or click on the Advanced Search for more options.



[Click here for TMCA Calendar](#)

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