



March 2021



At the Helm

Ladye Jane Stone, Commodore

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The 'artic freeze' storm last month was a rarity and it affected many in our area. The power outages reminded me how much we rely on our electricity for lights, cooking and entertainment. It also reminded me of other things that we all need in order to 'keep the lights on' in our lives. Interaction, acknowledgment, comradery and laughter light our hearts and fuel our souls. In this time of distancing, we are diligently working to keep the momentum of TMCA going by planning cruises and events for the upcoming months despite the damages to marinas and changes in venues. We are continually trying different technology in order to include our members that may not yet feel safe attending our meetings and are always discussing creative options for outdoor events. We have a good start to 2021 with attendance at meetings, participation at events and many new members and would like to hear from you to know how we are doing in addressing what our members want.

With Spring approaching, we all will be eager to take our boats out, so this is a good time to check everything. Larry Friemel's talk on engines was very informative and you may also want to get a Vessel Safety Check by the Power Squadron. There is no cost and upon completion you will receive a sticker to place on your boat and the confidence that all safety systems are ready for another fun season.

Spring Fling is our bi-annual event in which we invite other yacht clubs and marinas along the gulf coast to participate and we are hoping it will be held again in Port Arthur the first weekend in May. However, due to the repercussions of a pandemic and storm, the initial details that must be worked out prior to planning, may force it to be delayed, but we will keep you posted.

Along with our educational topics and fun events, I think the most important thing TMCA offers us is the ability to leave behind our normal routines for a brief time. It's like a mini

vacation each time we get together. So, if you haven't participated in a cruise, event or attended a meeting in a while, I encourage you to look at the calendar, choose something that interests you and join us.

Remember, the more you participate in TMCA, the more you will gain from it and the more FUN you will have!

'Pier Pressure' comes in many forms ... sometimes it's as simple as a smile or a wave from the dock, to come on.

Ladye Jane Stone
Commodore





[From the Cockpit](#)

Lori Friemel, Vice Commodore

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I hope everyone was prepared for our extreme weather in February. Many of us were without power for quite some time, some had broken pipes and with a boil water notice, things became even more difficult. After such events, it is a good idea to do a lesson learned evaluation. What things went well (enough blankets and water), and what things could be improved (more power banks and hot chocolate!). This approach also applies to boating. Be well prepared before every voyage and review for improvement after every voyage. Galley, bridge, head, berths, cockpit, dinghy, etc. An example would be to secure a loose item that you noticed was moving a bit too much while underway. This

could save an accident from happening should you later encounter rough seas. Be open to ideas from other boaters, because they are full of great, useful information.

I was saddened to hear of the loss of Wayne Christopher, Past Commodore and Past Trustee. I had the pleasure of working with him many times on various projects and always found his input insightful and extremely valuable. He was a gentle, wise leader whose guidance I will miss. I will definitely miss his stories and knowledge about the history of this area and the early days of TMCA. He was a man with a generous nature, a friend not often seen for whom I had great respect. It was an honor and a privilege to know him.

Do you practice the “Rule of 36” near a magnetic compass? Cell phones, Tablets, belts, watches, jewelry, metal glasses frames, some knives, electric current and many other items can cause compass deviation. Keep magnetic materials thirty-six inches (three feet or about one meter), away from your compass. You can also sheath a knife, cell phone or tablet. Also, remember to twist nearby electrical wires to neutralize the magnetic field.

Trash Bash 2021, Clean It Like You Mean It, A Virtual Event, March 25 – March 28. From Backyard to Bay. Clean up our marinas and Galveston Bay. You can also participate by cleaning your local neighborhood, park or storm drain. Your backyard is part of the Galveston Bay watershed, and you can help keep the Bay clean. For educational videos, a Virtual Trash Bash Information Packet and registration go to www.trashbash.org

The TMCA Nautical Flea Market is Saturday, March 27th, 8:00 – Noon at the Elks Lodge Parking Area. Open to all and no fee! Bring your boating and related items to sell or trade. Bring some \$\$ in case you find a deal, because you will! Bring your friends so they can get some great stuff, too. First come, first places and trades.

The 53rd Annual Blessing of the Fleet Boat Parade will be Sunday, April 25. The Parade starts at 2:30pm in Clear Creek Channel. As you pass Kemah Boardwalk your boat will be blessed by a minister. The BOTF Awards Ceremony is 4:30pm at the Clear Lake Elks Lodge in Kemah. For information and registration go to www.signmeup.com/botf

Just a reminder the March meeting will be March 26th at the Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Road in Kemah. Our expected speaker is Sasha Francis, with the Galveston Bay Foundation. Sasha is the Community Engagement Coordinator. She is a dynamic speaker on environmental topics concerning our area. Socializing and dinner orders begin at 6:00pm. The business meeting starts at approximately 7:15pm 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
TMCA Vice Commodore 2021





[The Social Scuttlebutt](#)

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Hi Everyone!

February was a cold one. Hope everyone came through it ok!

Even though we were not able to have the Mardi Gras cruise and party at Moody, we did not let the cold stop us from having a Party.

The Mardi Gras party was held the afternoon of February 13th at Noah's Ark. We had a lot of fun and crowned our new King and Queen for 2021, Joanne and David.

March 13th - Happy hour is at Cabo, see the calendar for details.

March 27 - TMCA Flea Market is at the Elks Lodge in Kemah. Plan to attend, bring what you want to sell and check out any hidden treasures you may want to buy.

Save the Date! April 24th

The Fish Fry has been rescheduled to the above date. Details and registration are being worked out and will be open for registration soon.

Please plan to attend this fun event at Bayshore Park!

Please check out the calendar there are many events planned for April. The calendar is updated with details of the events. Think about an event you may like to host or would like to see TMCA have. Let me know, we can find a date on the calendar and make it happen.

You are never alone in planning an event there are always members to help.

Rear Commodore
Chris Boswell



[Port Activity Report](#)

Janet Abraham, Port Captain

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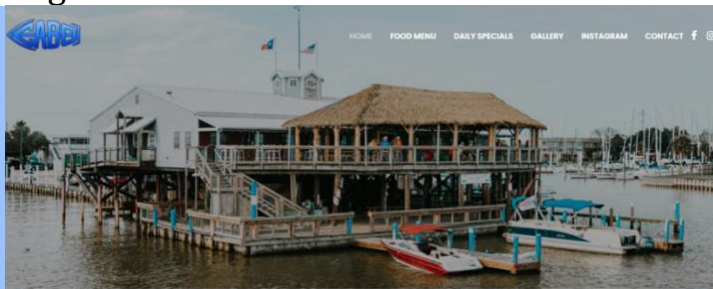
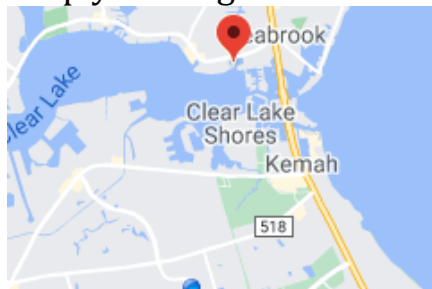
Port Activity Report

Thanks to all that participated in the first dock party of 2021 at Schafer's Bar and Grill in Clear Lake Shores! I hope you all enjoyed the comradery, libations, food and atmosphere. The iffy weather cleared out and the temperature didn't drop too badly. Schafer's staff took great care of us and even had heaters on the back deck to keep everyone comfortable. We were invited back and are considering Schafer's to be a stop on the Clear Lake Poker Run this summer.

Your Port Captain also helped out with the Mardi Gras party February 13th at Noah's Ark in Bacliff. Originally scheduled for Moody Gardens, the location had to be changed rather quickly since the cruise got cancelled due to the weather.

The [TMCA Facebook site](#) is the best location to get schedule and location updates for events, cruises, and meetings. Changes caused by the ice storm and its residual damage have proven the weekly e-mail update isn't always fast enough.

The next TMCA dock party is Saturday, March 13 at the [Cabo Bar and Grill](#) in Seabrook from 3-6pm. Hosted by your Port Captain, we have the outside lower deck reserved so we can help members arriving by boat. No need to register for this event, just show up! And keep your fingers crossed for good weather...



I'm ready to help members host dock parties throughout the year. We are flexible about dates and times, historically it is the first Friday at 6 pm each month. So please speak up or email me at PC@texasmariners.com if you would like to host a dock party!



[Anchors Away](#)

John Boswell, Cruise Captain

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Ahoy TMCA Members

Well I hope everyone survived the winter freeze without too much damage. Chris and I came out pretty good with just 2 broken valves on our backflow device on our sprinkler system. The plants took a major hit. We only lost power for about 1 hour during the whole ordeal. We were very lucky. We loaned out a generator to Janet Abraham so that she would be able to function, I think she was without power for a good while.

Upcoming cruises - Check the website for details about each cruise.

Cruise to Moody - March 5th - 7th

This cruise has been cancelled

Moody marina was damaged in the freeze.

Cedar Bayou Cruise - March 19th - 21st

- This is a free cruise, no slips required
- Please register on the site so we can track the attendees

Easter Cruise to Moody - April 2nd - 4th

- This will be an outstanding cruise hosted by Wendy / Lamy Chopin
- I have seen a list of the activities and it's going to be a blast
- Registration will open March 9th at 6 pm, don't be late

See you on the water,
John





Secretary's Dispatch

Kay Waghorne, Secretary

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Hopefully, everyone survived the big freeze and is ready for some warm weather.

The 2021 Membership grace period is over, so anyone who has not renewed for the year will need to complete a new profile and join again as a new member. Please let me know if you would still like to be a member or have any questions and I will be happy to help you.

Contact me at 281-550-1723 or kwaghorne@msn.com.

I want to remind everyone to look at your profiles to make sure everything is correct. And, if you have a dual membership, that both of you have your own profile. This is necessary to make sure we have an accurate count of members.

Please Welcome our new members this month.

Lydia Campanion and William Lind

Paige Perkins and Brandon Rathke

Jim Lee

Jeremy and Ellen Lyon

Clifton and Shelli Gregory

Leonard and Ina Lachman

Larry and Jeannette Thames

Dan DeHart

Donald and Brandi Dulaney

Joseph Cavallaro

Irene Robbins

Patrick and Trista Blauser

Shawn and Suzanne Noble

John Dunn

We look forward to seeing you out on the water soon.

Kay Waghorne

Secretary



[Mathmagician's Message](#)

Meade LeBlanc, Treasurer

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Treasurer report for March 2021

Greetings TMCA members.

The Treasurer has been busy getting ready for the financial review of the 2020 books and records.

In case you didn't know this, TMCA has a requirement in the by-laws that requires several independent members to review the financial records for the year, to make sure that policies were followed and that all the spending was appropriate. The auditors look at bank statements, checks that were written, receipts that accompany the checks,

and things like that.

One policy is that each check that is over \$500 needs the signature of both the Treasurer and the Commodore. That way, large payments are scrutinized by more than one person.

In addition, the auditors can make suggestions based on what they review. I hope that the audit will be completed by the end of March.

Meade

Website News

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Have you bookmarked the TMCA website to the home page of your smart phone? It's easy! Open a browser, go to TexasMariners.com and log in.

IPhone

Click **Box with Arrow**

Select **Add To Home Screen** (may need to scroll to right)

Click **Save**

Android

- Tap the menu icon (3 dots in upper right-hand corner) and tap Add to home screen.
- You'll be able to enter a name for the shortcut and then Chrome will add it to your home screen.



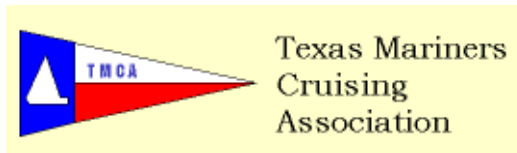
[Click here for TMCA Calendar](#)

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