



March 2023



At the Helm

Christopher Bown, Commodore

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Greetings Everyone,

Well, February was an exciting month. It started off with a crazy dock party at CoCo's on the Canal. We had 32 Ground Hog Day celebrants from TMCA. And leading the group was our very own special Ground Hog "Janet Abraham". She led the crowd in a rip-roaring special show.

For our monthly meeting, we had a very exciting speaker that had an excellent presentation on Texas, the Galveston Bay, and other interesting stories about the development of Texas and surrounding states. Mark Lardas has written over 50 books, and it seems that he had a treasure-trove of stories that he has uncovered over the years.

The next weekend we had 6 TMCA boats that fought the 25 kt winds to cruise up to the Houston Yacht Club for a Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner. Between the couples on their boats and the sweethearts that drove we had 38 attendees. The dinner was really good and afterwards we were treated to some excellent dance music.

On the same evening, as the dinner, we had about 18 people show up, in the blustery weather, at the Seabrook Marina to watch the Yachty Gras Parade.

During the next weekend TMCA members attended a program called Galveston Bay Mariners Connect. This was an exciting event, and everyone enjoyed learning about the Bay.

That evening 33 people were treated to a super evening of entertainment at Railean's Rum Distillery with music performed by Brooke Alyson with a tribute to Stevie Nicks. Everyone, that was able to walk out at the end of the evening, said the show was fantastic.

The next event, coming up, is a dock party on Friday, March 3rd from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at the Jenko's. The usual suggestions apply. Bring a dish to share and your choice of refreshments.

Our March monthly meeting will be held on the second Friday, March 10th. This month we are going to have several speakers that will be talking about adding Internet to your boat.

The big cruise in March will be to Job Beason Park which is next to Marker 17. We have been cruising there for years and it has always been great fun. The price, per boat, is \$25.00 per night. On Saturday, you can sign up for Doc's Catfish Fry at Marker 17. The price is \$15.00 per person and the food is good old southern cookin. And if you desire, you can join us for a tour of the Franscone Winery. In the past they have created an afternoon spaghetti and meatball luncheon. If you wish to drive over there is a small hotel located next to the marina. This cruise is extremely limited because of the size of the slips. You need to register, now.

Well, what are you waiting for? Get those boats out on the water. This is going to be an exciting year to get in your boat and have a blast.

Commodore Captain Christopher Bown
s/v Rainbow



From the Cockpit

Len Meyers, Vice Commodore

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Well, it seems Spring.. err.. ahh.. Summer has come early! I'm certain we will get one last blast of cold but it will be short lived.

With this is also fishing!! I know we may be "cruisers" but I have seen quite a few fishing poles on the boats too. Texas Parks and Wildlife has given us a few pointers regarding our fishing habits and protecting our waterways from invasive species. Now I don't mean those people from OU coming south of the Red

River, I'm thinking more about [National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) (NISAW). From TPWS:

Use native shrimp for bait.

A video thumbnail with a dark teal header containing the text "Safe shrimp for fishing in Texas" in white. Below the header is a white background with a large black play button icon in the center. Surrounding the play button are four images of shrimp, each with a label in a teal box: "BROWN" (top left), "NORTHERN WHITE" (top right), "PINK" (bottom left), and "MANTIS" (bottom right).

Use this link for the video

https://m.youtube.com/watch?utm_campaign=invasivespecies&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nisaw-boaters2023&v=zQ8KcS35ms0&feature=youtu.be

Invasive species are non-native to an ecosystem and can cause environmental or economic damage and harm to human health and quality of life. In addition, invasive species are expensive to control and can be impossible to eradicate once established, and can inflict costly damage to crops, fisheries, forests and more. According to recent estimates, these

costs total approximately \$219 billion across the United States every year. Many invasive species are spread (inadvertently or intentionally) by humans, who play an important role in preventing their spread to new areas.

A variety of non-native plants, animals, insects and even diseases can become invasive when they enter a new environment, growing or reproducing rapidly and potentially outcompeting native species. This allows them to become established and problematic across large areas. They can be introduced by humans in a variety of ways, including intentional introduction through aquarium dumping, live bait releases or outdoor plantings, or accidentally as “hitchhikers” carried through recreational activities.

These risky recreational activities can include hauling firewood long distances for a campfire or moving a boat from one reservoir to another without properly cleaning, draining and drying it first. Once introduced, some species can harm native species and ecosystems, impact recreational activities, damage infrastructure and require costly, long-term management in cases where control is possible.

- Don't dump your aquarium.
- User your bait where you catch it. Don't dump!
- Plant native plants near your home.
- Clean, Drain and Dry your boat and gear.

For more information on how to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equipment, visit the TPWD YouTube channel for a [short instructional video](#).

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TMCA March 2023 Newsletter

Spring is almost here! That means warmer weather and more fun outside! February was Mardi Gras month with about 12 brave TMCA souls weathering the cold front to watch the Yatchy Gras parade at Seabrook Marina. Our Mardi Gras party was held after the February monthly meeting with music, dancing and good cheer and, of course, Mardi Gras beads!

Thanks to Ladye Jane Stone for hosting a TMCA event at Railean Distillery in San Leon with a fabulous show featuring a tribute Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac. The maximum limit of 30 was

quickly reached on our website and we heard the show was great!

The cruise to Double Bayou will include a winery tour on Saturday night, in addition to the Fish Fry dock party. If you can't cruise there plan to join the fun by car!

Please make note that the March Monthly Member Meeting will be held on March 10, the second Friday of the month.



[Port Activity Report](#)

Kami Heussner, Port Captain

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Our Mardi Gras party after our monthly meeting, crowned a new king and queen, two people who DO have the Mardi Gras style and spirit and came ready to celebrate: *Arthur Tailleir and Lisa Welch!*



While I danced with a few other faithfuls, I took a look around and noticed quite a few TMCA-ers deep in conversation with new or old friends...

Hope to see you guys at the Jenko's this Friday at 5 p.m. It's starting a little earlier for anyone who wants to put something on the grill and watch the sunset over the canal. Their home at 41 Lazy Lane in Kemah is close, but be sure to park at the nearby school or come via the canal, because, like many streets in Kemah proper, it's a bit narrow with little room to park. Small price for water access, a great view - and wonderful, experienced hosts!

Our Harbour Island Crew have posted details for their April Fools' Day dock party on the TMCA website! (And that's the truth!) Beautiful trees, lawn, marina - if you haven't been there, you'll love it! It's on a Saturday this year, at 6 p.m., so don't forget!

Beware the Ides of March!



[Anchors Away](#)

Dana Dale, Cruise Captain

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Hi everyone.

February made me shiver, but now Spring has Sprung. It is time to get our boats ready for some fun cruising. We have some great trips coming up.

Sign up now for the:

- Doc's Irish Fish Fry Cruise to double bayou with Kami and Rick Heussner (23-26 March)
- TMCA Memorial Weekend Cruise to the Island of Harborwalk (May 26-29 Friday-Monday) with our Cruise Captains Kelly Hutchinson and Emily Ribas.
- John Allison's Spring 2023 down coast slow cruise will begin from Harbor Walk after the Memorial Day Cruise (May 30th to June 6)
- Sign up starting Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm for the Easter Cruise (27-28 May) to Moody Gardens with David Glasscock. \$134 per boat. There are a limited number of slips, and they go quick.

See you on the water.

Dana Dale
Cruise Coordinator



[Secretary's Dispatch](#)

Doris Hill, Secretary

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Did You Know?

World Whale Day is celebrated every year on the third Sunday in February and this year, it took place on February 19. This day seeks to appreciate these aquatic creatures that are an important part of the ecosystem. It's good to think conservation and also enjoy them in the warmer waters where they go in February and March to give birth and to be with their calves in waters that have less predators.

[Please Welcome TMCA New Members!](#)

We are happy to have you as NEW members &

extend a very warm welcome.

New Dual Memberships

Frank & Ruth Mott
Mark & Kimberly Webb
Daven & Vickie Voorhies
Ken & Julia Collier
Vickie & Daven Voorhies
Constantine & Michael Volo
Rick & Carolyn Pharr
Barron & Cathy Davis

New Single Membership

Jerry Pierce
Fred Garvin
Jason Thomas
Mary Morgan
D'Angelo Lowe
Gail Lungaro
Samantha Fisher

TMCA members are looking forward to getting to know you better & also the TMCA board. Our goal is for everyone to be involved and take advantage of all we have to offer.

Be sure your profile is updated on the web site, and add a photo of you and your boat! If you complete all of your boating information in your profile, each time you register, your boat info will be populated. To view, log in and click Members Only --> My Profile.

If I can be of assistance to members, do not hesitate to email me anytime!

Doris Hill



[Mathmagician's Message](#)

Rick Heussner, Treasurer

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Greetings from your TMCA Treasurer!

The season is changing, and Spring is in the air! Ok, you're right..., Spring doesn't officially start until March 20 but with warming conditions and clearing skies, that means it's time to complete any needed maintenance on our boats and prepare to get out on the water for new adventures. If you haven't done so already, please check out upcoming TMCA events. You can view and sign up at

<https://www.texasmariners.com/TMCA-Calendar>

where you will find everything from kayak trips to cruises to exciting destinations.

Also, if you have not renewed your membership for 2023, please try and do so by the end of February to avoid re-initiation fees! If I can assist you in any

way, don't hesitate to reach out.

From the Treasurers' desk, I am still looking for 2 volunteers to assist with the audit of our 2022 records. If you can assist, please reach out to me at Treasurer@TexasMariners.com. It is important for our club to have an impartial and objective review of our financial records.

See you on the water,

Rick Heussner
Treasurer



[Webmaster's Wonders](#)

Linda Schoene, Webmaster

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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 (Apple phones use Safari) and log in with your email address and password.

iPhone

- Click the Box with Arrow
- Select Add To Home Screen (may need to scroll to right)
- Click Save

Android

- Tap the Menu button (3 dots in upper right-hand corner) (either below the screen on some devices or at the top right corner of the browser)
 - 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.
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[Click here for TMCA Calendar](#)

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