



May 2023



At the Helm

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Greetings Everyone.

Well, they say that April brings showers and so on, but this April was wonderful for getting out there on the water, at least on the first weekend.

The April 1st dock party was a huge success with over 80 people showing up at the Harbor Island party. Thank you to Dave Glascock, Gloria Rooney, and a multitude of friends for bringing everyone together for a wonderful evening of stories, laughs, and a few lies. Cuz, that's what boating is all about.

TMCA members sailed and drove down to support the Tall Ships cruise up and down the seaway. It was a beautiful day, and the winds were just right for viewing and sailing with the tall ships. TMCA was represented by Bill and Carolyn Jenko on board Sea Gypsy and Jim and Connie Ferguson on Mischief Managed. What a beautiful site to look out there and see them sailing alongside those Tall Ships. It just kind of gives you goose bumps.

Our monthly meeting was one of the best, so far. Our speaker was Dr. Greg Kutsen. His topic was "Medical at Sea". Nothing can be more frustrating than to be out there on the water and have someone on your boat have a medical emergency and you have no knowledge about what to do. Dr. Greg could have gone on for over two hours with all the information that he was ready to present. We are hoping to bring him back for a follow-up presentation. And, he has promised to send us his presentation so that we can add it to the website.

The next day, after our monthly meeting, was our yearly TMCA Flea Market. People drove from far and near or near and far to purchase fleas. Well, we had everything else and many from the boating community took home things that they had no idea that they needed, but no fleas. (Well, none that we know of.)

Coming up in early May is the hugely successful Cinco de Mayo, which is hosted by Murray Yacht Sales, Kelly Hutchinson & Sherri Daniels. Wear your best Mexican attire

and you might just win a "Valuable Prize". Kelly has agreed to dance to the best Mariachi music being played by her husband Ken. This is a fantastic site and only happens once a year. Location: Watergate Marina, 1500 Marina Bay Drive, League City, TX, Murray Yacht Sales, Pier 4

The very next day, TMCA is presenting WOW. No, that's not Wine on the Water! It's Women on the Water. This class is a super fun event, and it is only for Women, although there are a few men that should be there learning a lot of the material. One thing that everyone should remember is that you need to check the calendar, since it changes quite often as we add and remove events and cruises.

Also, every Tuesday, Connie Ferguson sends out an update of all things coming up with TMCA and it is the most detailed and up to date that we can present.

Make sure that you sign up early for the events and cruises, because they fill up very quickly.

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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Does the thought of replacing electronics scare you? Either the \$\$\$ or the know-how? I'm looking at upgrading my NEMA 0183 network plus getting up to date electronics. The equipment I have now functions well, but when looking to add an autohelm this has now cascaded out of control. Our speaker in May will be Mike Joplin of Joplin Marine Solutions, LLC, they specialize in electronics. Our electronics have become such a vital asset to our boats, and you won't want to

miss this presentation to learn more about them and how to control your needs for upgrades.

Our May 19, 2022 meeting will be at the Clear Lake Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Road in Kemah.

Socializing and dinner orders will begin at 6:00pm and the business meeting begins at 7:00pm with the presentation to follow.

Come early, enjoy dinner and visiting with members and guests. Be sure to wear your name badge! We hope to see you there!





'Sand-Sational' Social

Ericka Collier, Rear Commodore

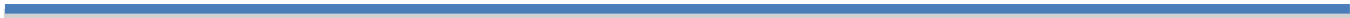
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May will be a busy month for TMCA starting with Women on the Water. This is a great educational opportunity for women to learn more about cruising in a relaxed environment. Even experienced boaters can learn or relearn something! Sunday will be a cruise where you will actively participate in either sailing or motoring. I personally found it very valuable last year.

Please join us on May 20th for a tour at the Houston Maritime Museum. Learn about Houston's impact on the maritime activities in the Gulf Coast. We will meet up at the museum at 10:00 am and be led on a 1 ½ to 2-hour tour with a docent. The

cost is \$8 person, payable at the door. A group lunch at a nearby restaurant is also being planned following the tour.

Planning continues for the Commodore's Ball on December 16. The band has been secured and the social committee is reviewing ideas that will make this year's event memorable! Please save the date on your calendar for this annual event.





Port Activity Report
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***Ar-r-r-r-i-ba! Venga a la fiesta a celebrar
Cinco de Mayo con sus amigos!***

*South Texas TMCA-ers like us also recognize
Mexico's victory over France! Join hosts Kelly*

Hutchinson, Sherri Daniels and Murray Yachts Sales at Watergate Marina, Pier 4, on Friday, May 5 at 6 p.m. Our friends at Murray will be providing a keg of Corona! Watergate Marina is located at 1500 Marina Bay Drive in League City. Enter the marina and turn right, as if you're going to Opus Restaurant. Murray is on the right, on the water, as you wind your way around. Bring a dish or dessert to share, your beverage of choice and a bag chair.

Attention TMCA Women!

Women-on-the-Water is Saturday, May 6! This is an introductory/refresher boating class taught by TMCA women members. You will learn basic rules of the road, navigation, radio communication, knot tying, docking and more. The women instructors are veteran boaters happy to answer your questions and share their experiences. You will have the opportunity to polish your skills or learn something new. This is a fun, laid back class with lots of hands-on instruction and social interaction.

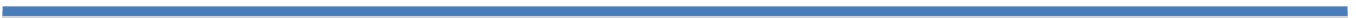
The knowledge gained during the WOW Class will be applied on the WOW Cruise scheduled for May 7th, please see: <https://www.texasmariners.com/event-5207638>
There is no fee for this class and you are not required to order food or beverages. However, the Elks Lodge will have beverages for purchase and you may pre-order lunch (Salad w/ Chicken or Hamburger w/ Fries) for \$10 during registration.

Pull out your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts!

We're having a luau, courtesy of Dale and Monique Henson, 2670 E. Bayshore Drive, San Leon, TX 77539! Take an evening swim or hang out poolside with a front-row view of Galveston Bay! The Hensons are serving specially prepared roast pork and a paired side, and guests can bring an additional dish or dessert, along with a chair, favorite

beverage, and of course, swim suit/towel. Parking is available for about 10 cars, for those who need a spot up close, but Bayshore Park with plenty of parking is right next door!

Yes, there's a prize for the best island attire!





[Anchors Away](#)

Dana Dale, Cruise Captain

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Hello Cruisers,

Spring has sprung, and so have we. Cruising season is upon us. This month we have trips to Harborwalk and Down the Texas coast. They are going to be great.

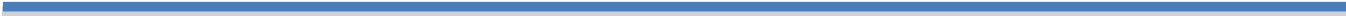
The rescheduled Moody trip is cancelled. But there are plenty of dock parties, sock burnings, and local going on's to occupy our time. Look forward to seeing you on the

water.

Best Boating to Everyone.

Dana Dale

Cruise Coordinator





Secretary's Dispatch

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May is a month of preparation! With summer almost here, recreational boaters are getting their boats ready for great weather, adventures and upcoming fun. As I always say, Life is Good...

Another important thing that happens in the first week of May, is National Hurricane Preparedness Week in April 30-May 6, 2023.

This is such an important time. Be ready for hurricane season. Understand your risk from hurricanes, and begin pre-season preparations now. Make sure you understand how to interpret forecasts and alerts, and know what to do before,

during, and after a storm. If you live in hurricane-prone areas, you are encouraged to prepare before hurricane season. It begins on June 1.

Tip: Additional dock lines and fenders can be hard to find if a hurricane is expected. Remember to be proactive, not reactive!

Also, please review the Safe Boating Guidelines, information sheet found in the TMCA Secretary's table, and keep a copy handy, especially if you are a new boater.

TMCA has had a great month of April with lots of good synergy happening and resulting in more TMCA memberships. May I remind you all that you ARE capable of sharing about Texas Mariner's Cruising Association, emailing a flyer to a friend, or placing one at a table of any boating event in the area or at the marina where you dock! Thank you for sharing and for being an active participant of this group's growth. Let's keep the momentum going!

Lastly, May 20th is Armed Forces Day and on May 29th, Memorial Day. To all present and past servicemen, Thank You for your Service. We are Safer because of you. God Bless you. God Bless the USA.

















Doris Hill
2023 TMCA Secretary

New Memberships for the month of April. Please extend a Warm Welcome to ALL new members!


Chris & Mara Goeschel

New Dual



Glenn & Connie Hammack	New Dual	
Brent Mills	New Dual	
Robert Donley	New Dual	
Iam Adamson	New Dual	
Mark & Nancy Coppock	New Dual	
Steve & Vickie Minnard	New Dual	
Pete & Samantha Fisher	New Dual	
Mark & Amy Hyams	New Dual	
Ashley Foster	New Dual	
Todd Taylor	New Dual	
Allan & Melinda Batchelor	New Dual	
George & Isela Smith	New Dual	
Jaqueline Irwin	New Dual	
Captain Douglas Dunn	New Single	
David Garrison	New Single	
Menno Homburg	New Single	

Roger Caraway	New Single	
Steven Mcville	New Single	
David Wainehoffer	New Single	
Mary Jane Hancock	New Single	
Theodora N. Strickland	New Single	
Shawn Wylie	New Single	

 = Membership & information pending
or no vessel

Stay tuned for a TMCA Mid-year Planning session for new members.





Mathmagician's Message

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Greetings from your TMCA Treasurer!

First, I want to **thank** our TMCA audit volunteers (Arthur Tailleir, Mandy Meyers and Chris Maginnis) for your assistance! Our club is successful due to the volunteer efforts by our members, and this is another case of members stepping up and helping out.

One thing I know we can all agree on is that we do not like boat repairs. According to Dr. Google, the cost to maintain and keep your boats in running condition is approximately 10% of the value of the boat, so for a \$20,000 boat the math is easy to calculate at \$2,000 per year (on average). These are only estimates and will vary for every situation but from a financial perspective, we should be

honest with ourselves and add boat maintenance and repairs to your budget. Having a boat repair budget can reduce the financial stress when a repair is needed, and you have planned and anticipated the expense.



The other point to acknowledge is that boat repairs (unfortunately) often overrun the initial estimate. I can tell you from personal experience that once you get your boat out of the water, unforeseen surprises can arise which need to be dealt with while your boat is being repaired. Also, always remember to ask the shipyard what their daily rate and haul out charges will be. Again, my recommendation is to have an annual budget for repairs and maintenance and not be caught off guard by these expenses.

From the Treasurers' desk, please reach out to me if you have a question about billings or your TMCA account in general and I will do my best to assist you. See you on the water!

Rick

Rick Heussner
Treasurer

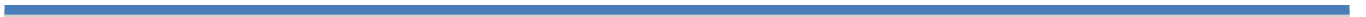


Webmaster's Wonders

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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.



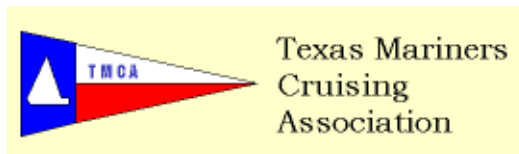
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