



**November 2023**



**At the Helm**

**Christopher Bown, Commodore**

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Greetings Everyone.

We had a fantastic month in October. At the beginning we had a super cruise to Red Fish Island for our annual Kite Fest. This was led by Lamy and Wendy Chopin. They had a wonderful turn out. You might remember that was back when it was 105\* every day.

Also, on that same weekend we had 12 boats that participated in the Sailing Angels Hero's Cruise. This is always a wonderful way to give back to our community. You

can never believe how much this gets your heart pumping when you see how these boat cruises change someone that has been through Hell and back.

From there we sailed into downtown Houston on the Allen's Landing Cruise. You never get the view from the Bayou until you have been on the cruise. If you are a sail boater, you should make friends with a power boater so that next year you can participate. Everyone had a great time, and no one drowned.

Please, please, please, consider donating a Seafarers Box. These boxes are so appreciated and it's a good way to support the men and women when they are away from home. Bring your box to the monthly meeting or if you can't make it, call me and I will come by your house and pick it up.

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 update 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 season to get in your boat and have a blast.

Commodore Captain Christopher Bown  
s/v Rainbow

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**From the Cockpit**

**Len Meyers, Vice Commodore**

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What a great time of year for boating! Open hatches, no A/C, no 3-digit temperatures.

I enjoyed the talk last month from Galveston Bay US Power Squadron and the educational activities they can offer. Having personally taken several of their courses, they are quite useful. Please reach out to them if you would like more information.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Friday, November 17th at the Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Road, in Kemah. Any changes will be communicated beforehand. Socializing and dinner orders will begin at 6:00 pm, business meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Originally I was not going to have a speaker because of voting but this year it seems it will be a quick process. I'm in process of finding a speaker to discuss dinghy maintenance and repairs. I have no idea what is being served but once I do, I'll put out a note.

Also, I'm certain you are receiving letters from TCEQ regarding renewing your Clean Water Certification decals for 2024-2025.

Renewing your certification is an easy two-step process! Use the [online application](#) to certify your MSD or POS for 2024-2025. Important: Do not submit your application before November 1, 2023 unless you need a decal that expires in 2023. The renewal fees are \$15 per MSD and \$25 per POS. The online application will prompt you for the payment.

Safe Boating!!



### **'Sand-Sational' Social**

**Ericka Collier, Rear Commodore**

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The Allen's Landing cruise was a lot of fun! I didn't actually do the cruise part but everyone said it's an amazing sight when you make that certain turn on Buffalo Bayou and downtown Houston comes into full view. The Oktoberfest beer and wine tasting event was a lot of fun, we found a few Reisling wines that were more on the dry side than sweet! My husband was seen keenly analyzing the beers and found the Spaten Oktoberfest beer quite enjoyable!

Bron Lee and Lori Friemel hosted the Spooktacular Chilly Chili Cook-off and everyone enjoyed the different chilis, side dishes and desserts that were made. Thank you to Bron and Lori for offering to host the event.

**Noah's Ark Meetup** - Our next special event is at Noah's Ark on November 11. Meet upstairs in the Palapa at 5:00 for drinks. We have reserved tables if you want to stay for dinner and listen to live music starting between 6:00 and 6:30. Please sign up on the website if you are planning to attend so that I can let the restaurant know how many people to expect.

**Commodore's Ball** - Invitations for the Commodore's Ball will go out on November 6, so be looking for them in your mailbox. Registrations for the event will be on the TMCA website and that will also open on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Once again Lakewood Yacht Club is allowing us to bring our boat over for the night at no cost, so plan a quick day cruise over there and you won't have to drive home after the event! In the morning meet in their dining room for their brunch. You will need to make a slip reservation with LYC directly and provide proof of insurance.

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## [Port Activity Report](#)

**Kami Heussner, Port Captain**

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**A warm thank you to John Allison and Janet Medellin** for the cool dock party at Waterford Marina. *You were right about the sunset and the great weather!* I met some new people, and the food was out-of-this-world!

**Special thanks to the Harbour Island folks** for hosting a bonus dock party! Another beautiful location to enjoy catching up with friends. The weather was perfect, as this was our first fall weather day.

**Coming up November 3...** Janet Abraham and Ben Miller have invited us to Seabrook Marina, where we'll meet from 6 to 9 p.m. for a potluck dinner at the gazebo next to the swimming pool. It's a peaceful

vantage *point* for watching boats traverse the channel. It promises to be a beautiful evening.

We will have access to the pool and bathrooms, but our food is limited to the grassy/gazebo area. Bring your own chairs, beverages, and a dish to share.

**For a Merrier December...** Don your favorite Christmas sweater and meet up at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center's main bar on **Friday, December 1**, from 6-9 p.m. Your hostess is our former rear commodore, Emily Ribas.

South Shore Hotel decorates their lobby beautifully, usually with a pretty gingerbread house, so it's a festive place to grab a hot toddy or beer and spread some TMCA holiday cheer. *Be sure to get a photograph for your Christmas card while you're there!*

The bar will be serving food that night. Let me know if you'd like for me to send you a menu. Don't forget your name badge. *See you there!*

**Regarding Seafarers' Boxes...** So far, we've collected 44 shoeboxes filled with supplies, and \$150 in donations. You can bring them to any TMCA event from now until the Commodore's Ball, and we'll deliver them to the Seafarer's Center of Galveston, which distributes them all year long. Don't forget to leave the boxes unwrapped and to put food items in a separate bag to prevent spillage. You can also donate \$20 toward supplies, and a team headed up by Marylou Clark will assemble additional boxes. Thank you so much for your donations thus far, and we look forward to blessing hard-working sailors once again this 2023 holiday season!

One final note...*We've got a great group of nominees for next year's board, and I enjoyed learning a little more about them at our October meeting!*

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### [Anchors Away](#)

**Dana Dale, Cruise Captain**

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Hard to believe but we are closing in on another year end. It's been a great boating season but things are starting to slow down. If you are interested in leading a cruise late this year please let me know.

Lakewood Yacht club will allow us to dock overnight on December 16 for our 2023 Commodores Ball. If you are interested please sign up.

See you on the water!



### [Secretary's Dispatch](#)

**Doris Hill, Secretary**

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TMCA Membership – Did you know?

The months of November and December are excellent to JOIN TMCA because they are free. You then have an entire year to enjoy your membership. One year and two months for the one time membership fee for 2024. So spread the word and get your boating friends to join TMCA.

Time to begin thinking about RENEWING your membership with TMCA. You do not want to miss anything! Next year will be a blast again!



### [Mathmagician's Message](#)

**Rick Heussner, Treasurer**

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Greetings from your TMCA Treasurer!

In addition to Education, Social and Cruising, TMCA also provides community service opportunities!

Once again, this year, we will be providing shoeboxes for the mariners at the Galveston Seafarer Center. For your convenience, you can make a \$20 donation (minimum) and then our membership will take care of buying the goodies and filling the shoeboxes. We have already had several members select this option. We can accept cash, check or a Zelle payment to [treasurer@texasmariners.com](mailto:treasurer@texasmariners.com). Give me a call or send me an email if you need more information.

Recently, we participated in the Sailing Angels Heroes Cruise. We had the honor to welcome 3 heroes on s/v Savannah for an afternoon on the bay. This was a great opportunity to give back to our marine community. Interesting to note that when we attended the skippers meeting, TMCA was well represented with several members sharing their boat with veterans and first responders for the day.

Also, thanks to Pete Fisher who agreed to accept a nomination as Treasurer for 2024! With Pete's background and enthusiasm, I know he will do a great job serving on the Board. I served as Treasurer for 2 years and it was time to turn over the reins to another member. Serving on board was a great way to give back to the organization and make new friends along the way.

As always, if you haven't done so already, please check out upcoming TMCA events at <https://www.texasmariners.com/TMCA-Calendar> where you will find everything from education opportunities to cruising trips to social events.

See you on the water,  
Rick  
Rick Heussner  
s/v Savannah  
Treasurer

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**Webmaster's Wonders**

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Last call to update your home address! We'll be printing out the mailing labels for the Commodore's Ball invitations this week.

Did you know there was a TMCA Handbook? Some great information is available to get the most out of your membership. Find it under the Members Only link →TMCA Handbook.

**[Click here for TMCA Calendar](#)**

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