



September 2023



At the Helm

Christopher Bown, Commodore

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Greetings Everyone.

August began with a fun packed cruise and dock party up at the Houston Yacht Club, which was facilitated by Kami Heussner. TMCA members could come by boat or by car. The beautiful club, which was built in 1927, welcomed TMCA and its salute to the 233rd birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard. As usual we had more than enough food for everyone and our Coast Guard guests.

On August 19th we had a hot and crazy Dinghy Poker Run. It was a good thing that all the participants were allowed to quench their thirst and hunger at most of the stops. Thank you to Charles Parrette, Linda Schoene, Mary Lou Clark, and a huge supporting crew.

The next weekend 58 members showed up for a scrumptious Shrimp Boil. Ericka Collier made sure that everyone had a bountiful amount of jumbo shrimp and other delectable foods.

September starts off with a Nauti White Party, which is being held at Sam's Boat. Everyone is asked to wear white and show up at 5:00.

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





From the Cockpit

Len Meyers, Vice Commodore

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First, I want to thank CWO4 Robert "Bob" Nendza for his presentation on ATONs and willingness to hang out afterwards and chat.

Our Monthly Meeting will be at the Clear Lake Elks Lodge, **623 Hanson Road, Kemah, Texas.** Socializing and dinner orders will begin at 6:00pm, and the business meeting begins at 7:00pm, with the presentation to follow. Our speaker will be

Bob Milmo of Galveston Seafarers.

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

We have an educational Saturday Sept 16th with the VTS tour in the morning and Lone Star Flight Museum that afternoon. It's OK to have fun while learning!!!

If you have signed up for the VTS Tour, you **must** email Philip Kropf the names, as they appear on driver's licenses, of all those coming in your car. The final list of participants must be turned in to VTS by the **September 9 deadline.** pkropf@flash.net

Len Meyers
VC



'Sand-Sational' Social

Ericka Collier, Rear Commodore

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I read a meteorologist forecast report that said the extreme heat is over and we won't get above 100 degrees again this year. With that said 98 degrees feels cool!

Despite the heat we had a great time at the Shrimp Boil. The sun was going down, we were under a pavilion and thanks to Christopher Bown and Ladye Jane Stone we had big fans! I want to thank my husband, Kevin, and Tim Marshall for cooking the shrimp to perfection, and thank you to Linda Schoene and Charles Parette for their help with getting the pavilion and coordination during the event.

The next event coming up is the tour of the Lone Star Flight Museum on September 16. The museum is located at Ellington Field and will follow the tour of the US Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service (VTS), led by Philip Kropt, also located at Ellington. You can sign up for one or both. We are working on lunch plans for those that want to eat before the museum tour. Thank you to Doris Hill for leading this event and to Philip Kropt for leading the VTS tour.

While the temperatures are starting to go down from a high of 109 degrees, we will still enjoy warm weather for several more weeks, so Beat the Heat at Topwater Grill on September 23 and enjoy a great view and a great meal with other TMCA members. We have reserved the room upstairs with a dedicated cash bar and an all-inclusive price for the meal, tax and gratuity. The meal will include your choice of a starter, six entrée items to choose from and a dessert. Ice Tea or Lemonade is also included. Register and pay on the TMCA website.

We will have an Oktoberfest Party at Allen's Landing on Friday, Oct. 13. If you are planning to attend Allen's Landing either by boat or car please visit the website and sign-up to bring a traditional German dish for the shared meal and a beer or wine imported from Germany for the Beer and Wine Tasting event. There is a link to Sign-up Genius on the website, one for each event. Therese Moore has put together a great list of things to do on Saturday, September 14, that include numerous events happening downtown that weekend, places of interest to visit and fun activities like Segway and Kayak tours. Please visit the website for more details.

Lori Friemel and Bron Lee are busy planning the Spooktacular Halloween Chilly Chili Cook-off so start thinking about what you can bring for the shared meal to win a prize! Prizes will be awarded for best chili, most creative chili, and most creative side/dessert dish.

Erica Collier
Rear Commodore





[Port Activity Report](#)

Kamie Heussner, Port Captain

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Who says you can't wear white after Labor Day? Show up in white to Sam's Boat at 5 o'clock on Friday, September 8 for TMCA's *Nauti White Dock Party*! We're starting early since it'll be a busy night for them. On the outside covered deck, they'll be designating an area for TMCA with enough tables for about 40 people to start with. No cooking necessary, of course, as we'll all just order what we like!

Here's the address: 3101 NASA Road 1, Building B, Seabrook, TX 77586. *Be thinking of some great white lies!*

Here's hoping for some cooler weather come October for our Fall Fun Dock Party hosted by John Allison and Janet Medellin (m/v Traveling Star)! Come by land yacht or dinghy to Waterford Harbor, Pavilion B (the pavilion near Sundance Grill) for a beautiful Fall sunset on Friday, October 6 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Bring your favorite beverage, a dish to share, your name badge and folding chairs. *John assures us he'll have the gas grill hot and ready!*

Kamie Heussner
Port Captain



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Dana Dale, Cruise Captain

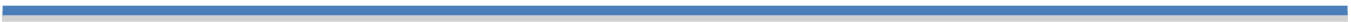
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Hi Cruisers,

September is here again, with all its gulf coast fun and adventure. We have some great trips coming up that you can still sign up for to Port Arthur, to Allen's Landing, and the Harvest Moon Regatta. It's also Hurricane season, so please be thinking about what you will do with your boat and prized possessions should a storm head our way. Looking forward to seeing you on the waterway.



Dana Dale
2023 Cruise Coordinator





[Secretary's Dispatch](#)

Doris Hill, Secretary

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Last Day of August and beginning of September...First and Foremost, Happy birthday, Houston! On this day, August 30th, Houston was founded by the Allen Brothers, John Kirby, and Augustus Chapman. It was founded at a location now widely known as Allen's Landing and was named after General Sam Houston.



Have you made your reservation already for the Allen's Landing Cruise? It's going to be a lot of fun. Plans are gearing up, and excitement is in the air. TMCA Burgees have been

ordered and we are awaiting a delivery soon!

We are well into the 2023 Hurricane Season...my hopes are that you all did your "hurricane preparedness brush up", have your checklist ready and are taking note of all the weather activity in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic, meaning it's once again time for Houstonians to begin their emergency planning. Forecasters predict another active season, preparing for as many as 17 named storms. Remember, Good planning, Safety First and best of luck!

Don't forget to plan for pet safety as well. Keep a collar on with pet's pertinent information, have a plan for your pets if you live aboard, in case of an emergency. Remember you can always ask friends to foster your pet for a few days if need be. Be cognizant of this hot temperatures, protect their paws and have extra water on hand.

On a FUN note! September brings a very cool national day...

World Coconut Day on September 2nd, recognizes the flavorful and aromatic nutrition the coconut brings to many products. The coconut is full of anti-viral and anti-microbial properties. This nutrient-rich seed provides fiber, Vitamin B6, iron, and minerals. In the United States, National Coconut Day is observed on June 28th. With this being said, we can celebrate World's Coconut Day too!

How to observe World Coconut Day?

Make a Pina Colada and have it poolside or in your vessel! A Pina Colada includes cream of coconut and pineapple juice and is usually served blended or shaken with ice.

No matter who created the first creamy, sweet rum drink, it is forever infused with the ocean and beaches. The cocktail's bright flavor suggests sunshine and vacation. Coconut

alone makes us think of suntans while the pineapple's freshness delivers a sparkling note of summer breezes. Put on your sunglasses, kick back, and enjoy a sip or a taste. It's the best way to celebrate!

MEMBERSHIP

We continue to be excited to see the great response to TMCA membership/events. As always, you can all invite a friend to a TMCA meeting or tell a friend about our events. It all translates into new memberships. Let's keep the momentum going.

TMCA Members! Now is the time to invite a friend to join this fun organization. Our membership fees, for NEW interested members are as follows:

New Single Membership \$48.00

New Dual Membership \$63.00

Let's pass the word and continue to have a good time this year!

Please extend a Warm Welcome to TMCA New Members for end of August 2023!

NEW Dual Memberships

Frances & Michael McGrath 

Ricky & Camille Carroll 

Dan & Joyce Mitchell 

Hope to see you all around in TMCA related activities this month. Stay Cool!

Doris Hill
TMCA 2023 Secretary



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Rick Heussner, Treasurer

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Greetings from your TMCA Treasurer!

As I write this, Hurricane Idalia has moved through the Florida panhandle and is headed toward North Carolina where it likely reenters the Atlantic.

Personally, we have spent extended time in several Florida communities, so I am especially concerned for those areas. This serves as a reminder that boating can be a dangerous activity and how extreme the weather can be in the coastal communities so always check your weather apps when heading out and plan your "weather window" accordingly.

After serving 2 years, this will likely be my last year to serve as Treasurer for TMCA. If you have a financial background and have an interest in serving on the Board, reach out to me and I can fill you in on the details. I really think this is a good way to give back to our club!

It's a busy time at TMCA with educational and boating opportunities available to us. There are multiple events on the calendar so, 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 kayak trips to cruises to exciting boating destinations.

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
s/v Savannah
Treasurer



Webmaster's Wonders

Linda Schoene, Webmaster

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Have you moved this year? Be sure to log in and update your mailing address - it won't be too long before we'll mail out the Commodore's Ball invitations.

Have a new boat? Also, update your boat information. It makes signing up for a cruise a breeze, and makes life easier for the cruise leader. You can take care of both under the Members Only link, then click on Member Profile.

Linda Schoene,

Webmaster



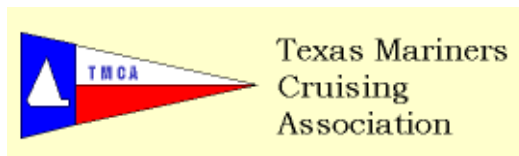
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