



**April 2023**



### At the Helm

**Christopher Bown, Commodore**

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Greetings Everyone.

March broke out with a wonderful dock party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Jenko. According to those in the know, it seems that 40 people stormed through the Jenko home with some of them even coming by dinghy. Our thanks to the Jenko's for hosting such a great party.

Our March monthly meeting concentrated on emerging technologies and what is new for your boat. Our two guests were Russ and Carole Burchfield that appeared live via Skylink while cruising on their boat in the Bahamas. The discussion was centered around the new Skylink technology and how it is a game changer for boaters that are cruising outside of normal cellphone range. It was a popular meeting with over 104 attendees, which is our biggest meeting this year.

We rounded out the month with our yearly St. Patrick's Day cruise to Job Beason/Marker 17. Twelve boats made the trip and several people decided to drive over, like Neal and Kathy Houser arriving in their motorhome. Also, Neal and Kathy took home the best dressed award sporting St. Patrick's Day attire.

Our next big event will be the Harbour Island April Fool's Day Dock Party. And when I say next big event, I mean next big event. This party is always a huge success and the food is spectacular. So, bring your favorite dish to share and a chair. Join the rest of our community while you sit and trade some tall tales with your friends.

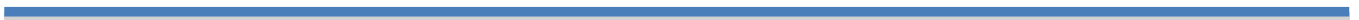
The big cruise in April will be to Moody Gardens for Easter. This cruise is filling up fast, so get on the web and sign up, now.

And don't forget the Kayak cruise down Buffalo Bayou. This cruise provides you with a wonderful cruise down Buffalo Bayou with views of the city that you can't get any other way.

Also, save the date for the annual Boater's Flea Market, which is held at the Elks Lodge on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bring out all those wonderful items that your wife calls junk and make some money on all that junk.

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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Our Monthly Meeting will be April 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

This month's speaker will be **Dr. Greg Kutsen** to discuss ***Medical at Sea***. We are going to tie this into the First Aid /CPR class many need. We will hope to schedule the hands on in late June. More details 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!

*Len*

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

**Ericka Collier, Rear Commodore**

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I don't know about you all, but March was a busy month for me – our daughter got married (which included an 11-day road trip to California and back with 2 dogs), we moved from Sugar Land to Kemah, and I had a birthday – whew! I'm ready to settle in and do some cruising!

We had our first social committee meeting for 2023 and it was well attended. If you are interested in helping with social activities our next meeting is Friday, April 21 at 4:30, preceding the TMCA monthly meeting. Email me at [RC@texasmariners.com](mailto:RC@texasmariners.com) for more details and location. The purpose of the social committee is to

help plan and assist with parties and events, and aid in creating a community spirit among TMCA members.

The Easter Cruise to Moody Gardens is the next big cruising event where we will have several fun social activities. If you are going, either by water or land, and are interested in assisting with the social events please reach out to me.

The 2023 Commodore's Ball is set for December 16, 2023 at Lakewood Yacht Club. We will begin the process of hiring a band soon. If you know a band that you would like to recommend, please contact me at the above email address.

*Ericka*

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## [Port Activity Report](#)

**Kami Heussner, Port Captain**

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To all those who braved weather and tide getting into/out of Job Beason Park with us last weekend - thank you! Tim Marshall and Adrian Vuyk went solo...We had such good fun with you guys, the potluck snacks were spot-on, *and to the cheater who won the final game, I forgive you!*

Lots of great events happening this spring:

Come join the **Harbour Island** bunch for an April Fools' TMCA dock party, **Saturday (not Friday)**, April 1 from 6-9 p.m.!

Your hosts include Gloria & Mike Rooney, Gary & Tonie Hanson, David Glascock & Kim Hockabout, Robert & Joy Frantz, Ryk & Doreen Williams and Fern & Roz Quinonez!

Come by land, yacht, dinghy, or boat and join us on the Harbour Island Promenade, overlooking scenic South Shore Harbor. Bring a chair, your beverage and a dish to share. Grills, tables, and paper goods will be provided.

*By land, take Marina Bay Drive to the stop light at Enterprise and turn (left from the west, right from the east), go through the gate (code:1223) and proceed nearly 1 mile until you cross the little bridge onto Harbour Island. The townhouses on your left are your destination. Park on the street or in an unoccupied space in the lot and walk down to the water near the docks (Dock D).*

*By water, come up the lake to the entrance to South Shore Harbor Marina and turn left. We are the small marina on the left and the T-heads are available for you to tie up large boats or dinghies. Power and water are available; just let us know if you plan to spend the night.*

Up next is the **Cinco de Mayo Dock Party**, hosted by Murray Yacht Sales and our TMCA Watergate friends Kelly Hutchinson and Sherri Daniels!

*In case you're new to the area, Watergate Marina is at 1500 Marina Bay Drive, League City, TX. Murray Yacht Sales is on Pier 4. (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.)*

Party starts at 6 p.m. Bring a dish or dessert to share, a bag chair, and beverage of choice...*and don't forget your sombrero!*

Always feel free to reach out to me with questions at 281-728-7482 or emails (slower response) at [pc@texasmariners.com](mailto:pc@texasmariners.com)!

*Kami*





### [Anchors Away](#)

**Dana Dale, Cruise Captain**

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The cruise to Double Bayou and Docs Fish Fry was a resounding success. Thanks to Rick and Kami Heussner for their hard work putting it together. Coming up next (April 7-9) we have our *Easter Cruise to Moody Gardens* with David Glasscock, and an *Alternate Easter Cruise to Oak Island/Double Bayou* with Phillip Kropf. Both of these will be great trips.

The following weekend we will explore Buffalo Bayou on Kayaks, and we will end the month with the 55th Annual Blessing of the Fleet "All About Texas".

The TMCA Memorial Weekend Cruise to the Island of Harborwalk (May 26-29 Friday-Monday) with our Cruise Captains Kelly Hutchinson and Emily Ribas, and John Allison's Spring 2023 down coast slow cruise (May 30th to June 6) are open for registration. Please sign up and embark on these wonderful adventures.

Happy Cruising!

*Dana Dale*

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## Secretary's Dispatch

**Doris Hill, Secretary**

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April is upon us and its beauty of Springtime flowers, beautiful weather and gorgeous sailing or cruising days...I hope you are enjoying your days... feeling grateful for the natural beauty that surrounds us. Life is good, isn't it?

TMCA as an association has been very busy providing opportunities to members at fun events, social dock parties and learning activities...these are all great opportunities to bring a friend to visit who might be interested in joining!

Ask around in the Marinas where you have your boat, and think of potential members... if all of us members think like this often, imagine the impact we can all have in bringing in new members? So please plan to tell your friends about Texas Mariner's Cruising Association because the more that join, the merrier it is!

I still need as TMCA Secretary, additional volunteer "TMCA Marina Ambassadors" for a handful of Marinas in our geographic area, Kemah, Clear Lake, Seabrook, Galveston. It is a very easy task of placing TMCA flyers in public areas and just being the TMCA member who answers questions. Easy Peazy. If you are interested, please stop by my table at a meeting so that I can look up if your marina needs an ambassador or if the volunteer position is full. OR Email me and write TMCA Marina Ambassador Interest on the subject line. TMCA active members are the best to share about activities and membership. I could really use as much eager volunteers as possible to pass on the word. WE can do this! I Thank you in advance.

As far as NEW members, for March 2023 we are happy to have you as fellow TMCA members & extend a very warm welcome to you! Please join us anytime on the water!

-  Sigurd Enoksen
-  Maranda & Chris Osborn
-  Mark & Tanya Coppock
-  Lewis & Tanya Holden
-  Ann-Marie Gore & John Meyer
-  Shelli Gregory
-  Marianna Toudouze
-  Elizabeth & Daniel Monticello

TMCA members are looking forward to getting to know you better. Our goal is for everyone to be involved and take advantage of all TMCA has to offer. Make sure to ask about perks of a TMCA membership, there are some retailer's discounts and the YCA (Yacht Clubs of America) reciprocal agreement at marina's around the USA.

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 new members, do not hesitate to email me anytime! You may request a nametag in person or via email. Hope to see you in a meeting soon.

Doris Hill  
TMCA Secretary 2023

*Optimism swells!*





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

**Rick Heussner, Treasurer**

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Greetings from your TMCA Treasurer!

Kami and I were so thrilled to lead the Double Bayou cruise last weekend! The weather on Friday was messy but the skies cleared, and we had a wonderful weekend. The highlights of cruising with TMCA include making new friends, sharpening our boating skills and exploring new destinations. This is what we do as a club! If you haven't done so already, please check out upcoming TMCA events and get involved whenever and wherever you can!

You can view and sign up for events at <https://www.texasmariners.com/TMCA-Calendar> where you will find everything from kayak trips to multi-day anchorages.

Spring is here with warming conditions and clearing skies and that means it's time to complete any needed maintenance on our boats and prepare to get out on the water for new adventures. So, check your maintenance logs and take care of needed repairs to ready your vessel for the upcoming season. We have a lot planned!

From the Treasurers' desk, please reach to me at [Treasurer@TexasMariners.com](mailto:Treasurer@TexasMariners.com) if I can assist you.

See you on the water,

*Rick*

Rick Heussner  
Treasurer

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**Webmaster's Wonders**

**Linda Schoene, Webmaster**

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I really enjoyed talking with John, what was his wife's name? We just moved our boat to Watergate. I wonder who else from TMCA is here?

Their boat is called Sun something.....

You can find out all these answers on the TMCA website under the Members Only section -> Members Directory - > Advance Search

*Linda*

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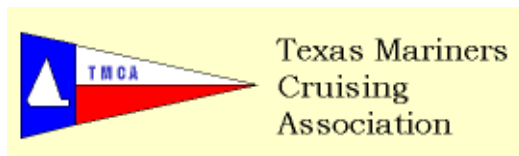
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