

Texas Mariners Cruising Association

The Texas Mariner

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At the Helm

Steve Lee, Commodore

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Welcome to 2013! Please join me in welcoming the new Board of directors to their year of service. I am very pleased to introduce Jerry Grooms, Pam Gasper, Pete Wybro, Barbara & Bob Nickelson and Doug Chappell to you. It is a privilege to serve with them all this year. TMCA is very lucky to have such a fine group of people volunteer to serve our club.

For all of you who attended the Commodore's Ball I know you had a great time. For all of you who MISSED it, we missed seeing you there! It was a fantastic party and Marylou and her tireless crew of volunteers outdid themselves on this one! I'm always impressed at how great we all look when we put on our best clothes and come to the Ball. The Navigators sounded great and everyone danced the night away. We'll have to try to outdo ourselves next year and have another fine party.

I hope to see all of you at the planning meeting which be held at the American Legion Hall Post 554 located on Hwy. 3, on January 12th. Please check the web site for all the details and plan to attend. I know Pam and Pete will come up with new ideas for parties and locations for cruises, for us to participate in this year. I hope you will come be a part of the planning and step up to lead a cruise or host a party. As this is the 35th anniversary year for the club, one of the socials we will be planning is a party to celebrate this notable milestone.

See you on the water,

***Steve Lee,
Commodore***



The Corner of Vice

Jerry Grooms, Vice Commodore

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Just about everything the Vice-Commodore can report for December involves the Commodores Ball. We are looking forward to a Grand Event and hope as many TMCA members as possible will attend. This is the Christmas Season and the High Social Event for our club. Make sure you are a part of this dinner, dance at Lakewood Yacht Club.

On a personal note I appreciate being elected Vice-Commodore and will do my best to bring interesting, and entertaining program to our meetings. As with any V-C, the best programs I can find will be suggestions from our members. Please let me know of any speakers you think would be of interest to the Club.

*Jerry Grooms,
Vice Commodore*



At The Port Report

Pam Gasper, Rear Commodore

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Looking Forward from the Rear

I am excited when I think about the food, fun, and fellowship opportunities for TMCA in 2013. As a club, we have created and executed some of the best parties in Clear Lake. Mary Lou Clark is a hard act to follow, and I am grateful that she has agreed to mentor me as we continue the tradition of awesome parties.

In preparation for the annual planning meeting, please give some thought as to how you would like to participate. Dock party? Theme party? Maybe you have never hosted, but would like to partner with one of our "seasoned" party givers?

There is a dock party on the first Friday of each month. You provide the location, grills, and paper goods, and the attendees bring everything else. These parties provide some of the best settings for a great meal and getting to know each other.

Theme parties often conjure up images of costumes, and, for a lot of folks, that just isn't their cup of tea. Dress up is fine for some people, but don't let that keep you from attending a really fun party. Costumes are ALWAYS optional!

Parties we have had in the past include:

Mardi Gras (Fishtales and parade)
Shrimp Boil
Wine Tasting
50's Party
Caribbean Party
4th of July Party
Crawfish Party
Bunko
Italian Dinner
Dingy Poker Run
New Year's Eve

Cajun Party
Cinco de Mayo (Fajita Margarita)
Pirate Party
60's Peace and Tranquility Party
Multicultural Beer and Sausage Fest
Shipwreck
Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves
Palacios Road Trip
French Picnic
Commodore's Ball
Christmas Boat Parade

That's just the ones that we've had. We're always looking for new ideas for social gatherings, and new venues as well.

TMCA will be recognizing its 35th Anniversary in 2013. You will definitely want to be part of this blow-out celebration!

Merry Christmas to you and yours, and Happy New Year!

Pam Gasper
Rear Commodore



The Cruise Corner

Pieter Wybro, Cruise Captain

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Rear Commodore Pam Gasper (Marylou Clark filling in for Pam) and I will host the Annual Planning Meeting on January 12, 2013 at the **American Legion Hall #554, 1650 Hwy. 3 South, in League City** from 9:00 to noon. Please note the new venue for this meeting because the Elk's Lodge was not available to us. Every club member new and old should plan to attend. Why? Because we will plan our 2013 cruising and social schedule at the meeting, so it is a great way to see what activities are being planned and by who, where and when we are going, and what we are going to do when we get there. Please be a part of this plan, either as a leader or co-leader of a cruise or social activity, and we need to hear from you. Imagine an entire year of TMCA cruises and social events planned in less than 3 hours. Come and be a part of it!

Formation of the Cruising and Social Committees will be made at the planning meeting, so another good reason to come to the meeting.

I have prepared a "framework" calendar that will be the starting point for cruise and social planning purposes at the meeting. This information will be posted on the website and also on Yahoo and will give you some ideas to help your thinking about what, where, and when. This will have information about marinas, some potential cruise destinations and day trips (last year's highlighted in bold), activities going on in the area, holidays, major events on or near the water (some events don't have published dates yet), celestial phases of moon and sun, and other sundry data that may help you in your planning and thinking. There are only a couple cruises shown on this calendar, ones that have been booked in advance. Take a look at it and see what works for you.

Please plan to attend the Annual Planning Meeting on January 12, 2013 at the American Legion Hall #554, 1650 Hwy. 3 South, in League City from 9am – Noon. We need your ideas and input!!

*Pieter Wybro,
Cruise Captain*



Secretary's Report

Barbara Nickelson, Secretary

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

This is my first column as your new secretary and I look so forward to working with each of you throughout the upcoming year. Please bear with me as I learn this new task but feel free to call me if you need any assistance. Right now we are trying to get all the memberships renewed so please, if you haven't sent in your renewal try to get it to me by the end of this month.

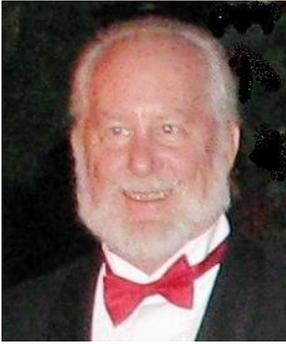
"TMCA Annual Dues are due on January 1st and must be paid by February 1st to be included in the current membership roster/directory. Membership will be terminated if dues are not received by March 1st."

Bring your renewal dues to Friday's monthly meeting, mail in your check with the renewal form at the bottom of the newsletter, or renew online (instructions also attached). You can pay via PayPal or regular credit cards online.

Membership renewal form and instructions to register for the web site and renew online are below the newsletter.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns at bnickelson@nhplc.com or phone number, 713-899-1098.

*Barbara Nickelson,
Secretary*



[From the Vault ~ Treasurer's Report](#)

Bob Nickelson, Treasurer

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I'm looking forward to my year as Treasurer of TMCA, and I'd like to thank Martin Clark for meeting with me for a smooth transition. As you know, membership renewal is now on a full calendar year basis, and it will be much easier to budget for all of the upcoming cruises and events.

*Bob Nickelson,
Treasurer*

[Click here for TMCA Calendar](#)

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Agree to the terms, enter the Security Code, and then click **Register**

Receive an automated email message. This is to confirm your email address. Follow the instruction in the email message.

Authorization Approved. Membership will receive a notice of your registration, verify membership, and activate your registration.

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