

Texas Mariners Cruising Association

The Texas Mariner

We are All about having Fun on the Water

January 2017



At the Helm

Charles Parette, Commodore

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Wow, the Commodore's ball was awesome! Ladye Jane and her volunteers really did a great job. The decorations, food, gifts, and band were great. Thanks to Chris Bown for the photography, he's really a pro.

The after party I attended on Power Play was great as well; we really packed that boat, and Tom and Deb had specialty beverages, and lots of food.

The brunch on Sunday at Lakewood was wonderful, and everyone ate as much, or as little as they wanted. If you weren't able to make it, make plans to attend next year, you won't be disappointed.

Special Note:

2017 is going to be a great year, we'll have dock parties, education sessions, cruises, boat shows and lots more to attend. A big club like this runs on a special fuel of enthusiasm, fun, and can only happen with a fleet of volunteers. We need help with our weekly updates, and a publicity chair to make sure the local magazines have the latest updates on our upcoming activities. If you have a few minutes to spare, consider giving back to the club, and helping us with one or both of these efforts. Just give me a call, or send an email to any officer.

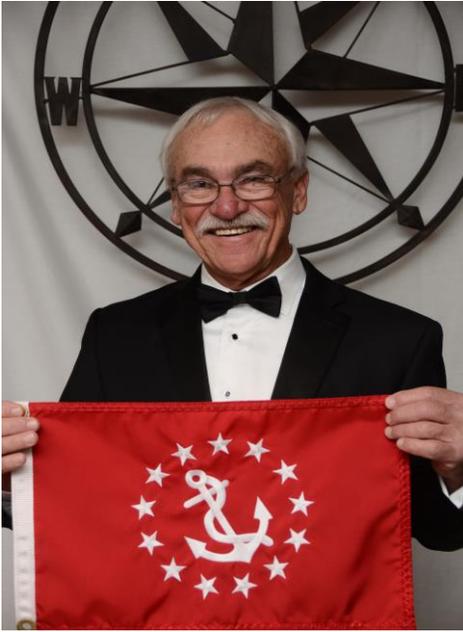
Don't forget to check out our web site, WWW.TEXASMARINERS.COM, and/or our Facebook page, WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/TMCAGROUP

Just a reminder, log into the web site, and make sure you've paid your dues for 2017.

Looking forward to a great 2017!

**Charles Parette,
Commodore**





[The Corner of Vice](#)

Larry Friemel, Vice Commodore

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I'm really excited to be the Vice Commodore for 2017 and really looking forward to this year's club activities. My goal is to continue to find interesting and informative speakers each month for our general meetings. We had such great speakers last year, including some of our own members, sharing stories and knowledge gained during their cruising activities both locally and far away. So if you have an idea, would like to be a presenter or would like to repeat some topics for additional information, I would love to hear from you.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

Saturday January 14, 9 am – 12, Annual Planning Meeting.

This meeting is a great way to get involved with TMCA. Everyone is welcome and we would love to hear your comments and suggestions for this year's cruises, dock parties and educational activities. This is a great way to meet other members, have fun and get involved. Arrive a little early and enjoy coffee and donuts before the meeting starts.

Friday January 20, 6 pm – 9 pm Monthly Meeting. Socializing and dinner orders will begin at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting begins at 7:30 and the program starts at 8:00. Our guest speakers this month will be from the Galveston Bay Foundation presenting some interesting information on several programs the GBF is involved in.

Saturday January 21, 9 am – 11am, Orientation meeting. This meeting is for new members as well as those who have been members for a while. You will meet the new officers, learn how to get the most out of your membership and get an overview of our website, cruising destinations, social events and other club activities. Come a little early to enjoy coffee, juice and donuts with other members.

Location for all of these events will be at the Elks Lodge, 623 Hanson Road, Kemah TX.

Please remember to bring your name badge and I hope to see you there!

**Larry Friemel,
Vice Commodore**



[The Social Scuttlebutt](#)

Lori Friemel, Rear Commodore

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Happy New Year! Thank you for the honor to serve as Rear Commodore for 2017. I follow some pretty amazing past Rear Commodores. I value their guidance and will do my best to continue the tradition. This is going to be a very fun and active year for TMCA! I hope everyone will get involved by volunteering in some way. By volunteering you will definitely have more fun and make a lot of fabulous friends!

Our first big event is the **Annual Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 14th, 9:00 a.m.** at the Elks Lodge. Come a bit early for coffee, donuts and a bit of social time. This is a relaxed and fun time to ask questions, share ideas and volunteer. Learn how and where you want to step in and participate. If you have never hosted a party or social event on your own, there is no need for concern! There are many experienced and talented members that are always willing and able to assist. Not ready to host a party on your own? Co-hosting is a fun option! Let's fill the calendar with some new events and some of the traditional favorites. Bring your ideas and volunteer!

The **TMCA monthly meeting is Friday, January 20th** at the Elks Lodge. Dinner orders, cash bar and socializing begin at 6:00 p.m., business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and program starts at 8:00 p.m. Our speakers this month are from the Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF). TMCA has many ties with GBF. Several members volunteer for various programs at GBF, including the dolphin research with GBF-EIH. And most directly, through our adoption and naming of the dolphin "Mariner" with our cookbook sales. As a reminder, we will have cookbooks for sale at the registration table.

Saturday morning, January 21st is Member Orientation, 9:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge. This is a great meeting for new members as well as long standing members. Meet the 2017 Officers and learn a bit about each Officer's duties. This is also a good opportunity to obtain valuable information on a variety of topics including cruising destinations, local navigation, social events and boater education. And of course, coffee and donuts before we get started.

Saturday evening, January 21st, 6:00 p.m. is the ever-popular Bunko party! This annual event is not to be missed! Please bring a soup, gumbo or pot of chili to share. The Officers will provide dessert. We will begin eating at 6pm and start Bunko at about 7pm. Don't worry if you don't know how to play- there is a quick training session before play begins. Sign up and join in the fun! Please let me know if you can provide a card table.

***Lori Friemel
Rear Commodore
TMCA Knows Fun!!***



[The Cruise Corner](#)

Ken Ekenseair, Cruise Captain

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Ahoy Crew! I am so humbled to have been voted in as your Cruise Captain for 2017. The past year has been a fun and fabulous year of great trips, parties, and friends. I can say from my heart that TMCA is an extension of our family. The friendships we have made will last a lifetime even after we cruise as TMCA members in the future.

What do we have on our plate for 2017? I do not have a CLUE! However, that is what the planning meeting is about. For you to tell us what you want for the New Year. We need your suggestions!

My vision is to keep the historical cruises and add some new things. Sometimes to make it new - it's just changing the theme or take a raft up and make it to an anchor out overnight

cruise. Who wants to venture out further? Who wants to go up coast? Or down coast? Who wants to do a barefoot charter in an exotic destination?

Who can be a cruise leader? You! Step up and take a chance, we have the tools and information to make it easy to be a cruise leader. Part of what I am to offer is to give you these tools, and assistance to make it a success. The online registration helps to keep good records and take payments if needed. I asked you to put your thinking hats on and step up with a new idea or theme for a cruise and be a part of it. I want us to have more cruises than we ever have had and have a blast doing it.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual planning meeting and the new member orientation in January. **Wait**, the new member orientation is really for everyone. It is a great way to learn the new website better, learn how to pay for events and cruises, ask questions, and become more informed of what TMCA has to offer.

A ship in harbor is safe, but that's not what ships are for.

Ken Ekenseair

Cruise Captain

TMCA – Cruising The World



Secretary's Report

Kathy Houser, Secretary

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Hello Cruisers!

What a great December it has been. I retired from KBRwyle on December 16th after 28 years of service. What a bundle of mixed emotions and feelings I've had. I will miss my co-workers for many of them have become my family but it was time and now I love the freedom to do what I want when I want.

I was given a fond farewell of a lovely luncheon with over 100 attendees. The theme was "Boas and Beads." Everyone wore a boa and many had on beads including the men. A red velvet chair was made for me (The Queen) to sit upon during the

presentation. Speakers ranged from Astronauts, Management, Flight Docs and good friends. A slide show of pictures of my 28 years was continually displayed and a beautiful basket of two dozen roses was presented to me. One of my good friends wrote a song about me and everyone sang it to the tune of Wendy...what fun! I received gifts and best wishes from many and I cried the whole time. I am so grateful to have worked with these wonderful people for I have never felt so appreciated and loved in my whole life.

The next day was the Commodore's Ball and if you missed it you really missed the event of the year. Thank you Ladye Jane and your committee for putting this elegant event together. The rest of December has been filled with enjoying family, friends and the holidays.

Now for TMCA business. Dues are due so please go on line and pay by PayPal, credit card or send a check to TMCA, P.O. Box 946, Kemah, TX 77565-0946.

We have several new members this month, so please help me welcome them:

Frank and Mel Olalde

Randy and Sandra Cook

Gordon Johnson and Trina Lamb

Don and Deborah Otte

Jeff and Anne Peterson

Terry and Iris McMahan

Richard and Betty Robinson

Michael and Kristen Barry

John and Cindy Cinnater

Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you next year,

Kathy Houser



From Your Bean Counter's Calculator

Cookie Johnson, Treasurer

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Greetings and Salutations!! I am thrilled to be the TMCA Treasurer in 2017! I believe it will give me the opportunity to get to know you better and that is very exciting for me. My husband, Jay, and I are looking forward to 2017 because for the first time since moving here in 2014, he will have weekends off and we will be able to go on more cruises, attend more dock parties and of course drink more rum with all of you!!

I would very much like to build a small committee to help with the duties of Treasurer. If you are interested, please let me know.

TREASURER's TIP: Do you want to control impulse spending? Leave your debit and credit cards at home and only take them when you know you need fuel or you are going grocery shopping or shopping for a specific item. Give yourself a mild cash budget for the month (\$100 or \$200 dollars). When you want to get that Latte from Starbucks, you will have to spend your cash. It's actually harder to break that \$20 bill than to use your debit card!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!!!!!!

***Cookie Johnson,
Treasurer***

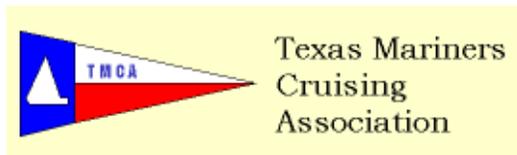
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