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## Comments from the Commodore

Dear Fellow TYC Members,  
Spring is finally here, and with it, an end to snow blowing and shoveling. Now it's game time for a Summer of Fun.

Tahoe lake levels have risen an unprecedented amount this year. The water at its level low point in the Fall was 6,222.51 above sea level. As of this writing the level is nearly at 6,228 and it may hit the legal limit of 6,229.10. What does this mean for the TYC? A great year of boating! For starters, we are planning on two classic raft up beach parties at a very cool location to be announced. We'll bring some of our TYC water toys like kayaks and SUP's along with a few beach toys and games. We'll even bring the big BBQ to the beach for you to use. Whether you come by boat or car, it's sure to be a good time. Other power boating events not to be missed are the famous OTB's (Over the Bottom) and the West Coast's most prestigious wooden boat show, *The Concours D'Elegance*, which will be held at Obexer's Boat Company on August 11th and 12th.

Your Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the TYC will be the host for the 2017 US National Laser Fleet and USSA Singlehanded Championships July 19-23. This top-tier regatta will attract many of the very best sailor athletes in the country and beyond including Olympic hopefuls, top Jr's and crafty Masters. Check out the "Under Sail" section for more details and to learn about the opportunities for you to get involved as a volunteer. I want to share with you some of the accomplishments by your Board of Directors and Staff this year to date.

The BOD created and approved our "Standing Rules" as they relate to our Bylaws. This important working document details the various activities, resolutions, policies and procedures on how our club runs. This is a useful



document for every board member and especially for new board members. These "Standing Rules" are posted within the member section of the website for your review.

Our new website at [TahoeYC.com](http://TahoeYC.com) has launched. It is now much more dynamic and user friendly with the ability to post videos, view photos and more. Please surf around and get acquainted with it. Go ahead and log into your private member portion and update your profile. Upload a picture of yourself so that we can all recognize each other better, which will promote social interaction.

An official TYC Jr. Sailing Team has been formed in partnership with the Tahoe Community Sailing Foundation (TCSCF). Our Jr. team will be receiving expert coaching and will be traveling to compete and represent the TYC in regattas outside of the Tahoe area. In pursuit and support of this long term commitment, we are going to have a fundraising event to help the program and athletes succeed. Please contact Bryce Griffith, Rick Raduziner or our GM to learn how you can make difference with

your tax deductible charitable donation to this worthy cause.

Clubhouse improvements have been made and are still under way. We have added a countertop to our warming station, clearing up the clutter in the administration zone while adding much needed storage for retail. Lighting improvements are in the works. We have approved the first phase of the lighting plan adding several magnificent chandeliers and pendant lights.

Membership attraction and retention is an ongoing effort. We recently sent out over 5,000 letters to like-minded folks who might really enjoy our club and meet interesting people like you. If you know of someone who might have an interest in joining our club, please invite them to an event so they can see just how much fun we are. As a thank you incentive, each primary sponsor will receive a \$50 credit at the bar.

And finally, theme parties are on the calendar. Not to be missed are the Gin Fizz Fling, Big Kahuna, and 4th of July Party. Wine events are in the works. Keep an eye on the calendar for functions that include winemaker dinners, wine tastings and wine pairings.

All of these events and activities could not happen without the fantastic effort from your Board of Directors, other volunteer members and the excellent staff we have to assist us in their execution.

Thank you all for making the TYC the great club that it is. I look forward to seeing you around the clubhouse and out on the water.

Best Regards,

Rick Raduziner, Commodore



## around the Clubhouse

FROM GENERAL MANAGER ANDREW CASCI

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After a great winter season with a huge amount of snow we are looking forward to seeing record lake levels this summer. Looking out over the Tahoe City Marina, the ramps are almost flat as the floating docks have risen with the lake level. Sailors, boaters, and lakefront homeowners are all excited to be able to utilize the high water.

We have a special event scheduled this summer. We will be hosting the 2017 US Laser National Championships in conjunction with the 2017 US Sailing Single-handed Championships. You can read more about this later on in the B&T. We will need a lot of volunteer help for set up, registration, traffic control, judge boats, and more. If you are willing to volunteer your time or your boat for this event please contact me. This is truly a great event and will showcase some of the best sailors in the country as well as some Olympic hopefuls. This is THE event for dinghy sailing. The event dates are July 19th through July 23rd.

The Trans-Tahoe Regatta is being revamped for 2017. Thanks to a generous donation the Ferris family we have the funds to market the race and throw a couple of great parties. The Tahoe City Marina has been very kind in making a package deal for out-of-town boats for haul in/haul out and mooring at a great price. We are anticipating at least 40 boats which will almost double our number from 2016. We are targeting the more popular fleets from the bay area and other yacht clubs. Thanks to the committee members who have been working hard on this one.

Over The Bottom (OTB) is one of the unique events that you can only find at the Tahoe Yacht Club. With the retirement of Greg Barraclough, our longtime member Mike Simmons will be taking over and volunteering his time with at least one staff member to assist him. We are looking for volunteers to help make the courses and learn how to conduct an OTB so we have a large base of people that know how it works to keep it alive in the future.

In case you missed it, we have launched a new website. There are a handful of people who really put in a lot of effort to make this happen.



Andrew Casci,  
General Manager

Fred Greifenstein, Shannon Madison, Francis Pierce, Bill Krivan, Margaret Holiday, Ryan Hulstyn, and our IT manager Bob Rappaport should be commended for all the time they have put into this project. We are still tweaking the site but we have the bulk of the work done. Look forward to seeing more pictures and a fun gallery to check out. Have a look at [TahoeYC.com](http://TahoeYC.com)

Our members-only, Facebook closed group page is a great way to communicate to other members. I was just talking to a new member who was looking for companions to go out with him on his sailboat in the bay. I told him to reach out to other members on our private Facebook page because I was sure there would be taker to go out for a day. Our private page can be used for an impromptu raft up on Emerald Bay, a ski day at Alpine or Squaw, or even sharing experiences after the fact. There are many great photos and posts by a variety of members. At last count we were up to 105 members signed up, so if you have not already signed up please do so. Just log into Facebook and search "Tahoe Yacht Club Members."

With Jim and Mickey Gregory moving to New York (We miss you!) a new team of members has stepped up and formed a committee to purchase retail for the store. Rear Commodore Margaret Holiday, Jodi Nash and Jill Ehring have some fresh ideas for retail items to sell at the club. We will have some cool new things for you to purchase for the summer and we are thinking about a sale the week of the Fizz Fling on some of our winter items that we have left over from this past season. More to come on that!

Finally, it is refreshing to see all the members who donate their time to making the Tahoe Yacht Club a better place. I was recently talking with the Rear Commodore about how many projects have been completed and it could not have been possible without the help from our members. Donations of time, products, money, and more have been amazing. Thanks to you all!

We look forward to an amazing summer full of boating, sailing, and lots and lots of fun social events. ⚓

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# Membership Committee Update

FROM JUDD HOLIDAY



Judd Holiday, Membership

Your Membership Committee has set a goal of 25 new memberships for 2017. You may remember that 25 new members was our membership goal for 2016 and we reached it with your help. As of April 1st we already have 5 great new memberships. A good start to be sure, but we need your help to continue to grow the club. Please use one of our many great social events to invite your friends and friendly neighbors to the club to experience TYC for themselves. First Fridays are especially good for this because no RSVP is needed. Do

not forget that when a new member that you sponsored joins the club, you receive a \$50.00 bar credit.

For those of you who might know a young person who would like to join the club but whose parents are not members, your TYC Board has also approved a much lower cost of membership for Youth Members age 14-21 years. The initiation is now just \$100.00 and the annual dues are \$90.00 per year. This move is an attempt to bring more local youth into boating and develop a future TYC Racing Team.

If you are at the club and you see a member whom you do not recognize, please reach out and introduce yourself. We are such a welcoming group and we need to make sure all of our new members and guests have a chance to experience our TYC hospitality firsthand.

Your Membership Committee consists of Terry Krivan, Frances Pierce, Lynn Mullen, Nan Brown, Deborah Scott, and Judd Holiday. Please reach out if you have any ideas or suggestions. You can email Judd at [jmholiday@gmail.com](mailto:jmholiday@gmail.com). [↓](#)

# Welcome TYC's Newest Members!

FROM CLUB MANAGER RYAN HULSTYN

Tahoe Yacht Club welcomes all of these new members. Please say hello and help them share the fun and friendliness of the Club.

## MIKE LENTZ

### Regular Membership

Mike Lentz lives in Reno, NV where he works as an independent CPA. He has two children, Sara (32), and Emily (31). Mike enjoys spending time on his two boats, *Delilah* - a 2015 23' Larson, and *The Goose* - a 2000 17' Boston Whaler. He is excited to have the opportunity to interact with like-minded boat owners in a social environment. With his boat home-ported in the Tahoe City Marina, Mike is looking forward to enjoying the Club's amenities and participating in social activities. Among his interests are the Concours d'Elegance, cruising events, Over the Bottom, Penguin Skiing, and wine events.

Boats: "*Delilah*" 2015 26' Larson  
"*The Goose*" 2000 17' Boston Whaler

## MIKE & LISA KIRBERG

### Regular Membership

Mike and Lisa of Redwood Shores, CA are longtime sailors with a vacation house in Tahoe City. The owners of Kirberg Motors Inc. in Belmont, CA., they are looking forward to spending more time at the lake this summer. Mike is joining TYC having competed in the 2016 Trans-Tahoe Regatta with member John Siegel and looks forward to more sailboat racing.

## ROBERT JORDAN & KELLY BASS

### Regular Membership

Robert and Kelly, pilots for American Airlines and FedEx respectively, reside in Verdi, NV and are excited about spending more time here on Lake Tahoe. Robert and Kelly are also members of WindJammers Yacht Club in South Lake Tahoe where they enjoy sailing on *Vol De Noit*, their 2006 34' Beneteau. Like so many others joining TYC, they look forward to meeting more people who enjoy boating as much as they do and expanding their activities on the lake.

Boat: "*Vol de Noit*" 2006 34' Beneteau

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# Penguin Ski Group Update

FROM HEAD PENGUIN PAT LUCAS



The Penguins taking in gorgeous lake views during a bluebird Homewood day.

The happy "Penguins" are still afloat after the heavy winter snowfall, and we had many good times. Diamond Peak proved to be a delightful ski day with magnificent views from the Snowflake Lodge. St. Patrick's Day was another glorious ski day with 19 people partaking and all skiing well together. Of course we are missing our "head" Penguins, Alan Ramsey and John Twomey, but Pat Lucas is trying to keep the group together and it seems like everyone is enjoying the experiences. Maybe someone else would like to take over for next year and bring new life and ideas to our Penguin ski group. Our final ski day on April 14 was at Squaw Valley with Walter Nelson hosting the day, including wine tasting and lunch. [↓](#)



Bill & Terry Krivan, Pat Lucas, Margaret Holiday, Frances Pierce, and Kathy Craft enjoying lunch at Diamond Peak..



Ryan Hulstyn, Deb Selak, Chantal Le Floch, and Tricia Scarcia riding Sherwood chair at Alpine Meadows



The Penguins are bundled up and ready to ski a cold Alpine Meadows morning.



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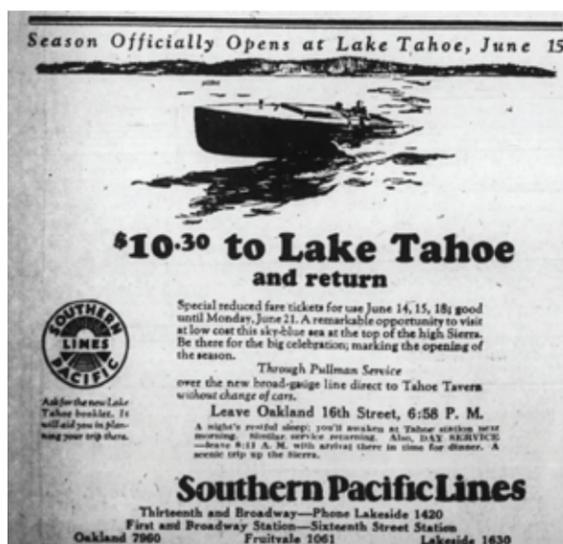
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## Through the Eyes of... Chapter Two, The Tahoe Power Boat Club

FROM SHANNON MADISON

*Continuing with the history of the yacht club, this article draws heavily from conversations with Staff Commodore R. Randolph Walker, as well as many documents from the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and the Maritime Museum. TYC past commodores mentioned in this article are highlighted in bold.*



LEFT: A Southern Pacific Lines ad boasting a \$10.30 round trip train ticket from San Francisco to Lake Tahoe. *Oakland Tribune*, June 14, 1926.  
 RIGHT: Tahoe Tavern rail.

### SF BAY SUMMERS IN LAKE TAHOE

At the conclusion of the first world war, ease of travel was bringing increasing numbers of visitors to Lake Tahoe. Southern Pacific Lines offered a special fare up to the lake from San Francisco, advertising a Friday departure with a “night’s restful sleep” that would bring you to the Tahoe Tavern by morning. Work was progressing on a road to circle Lake Tahoe, which would become State Highway 28 once it was completed in 1931. The Lincoln Highway (present U.S. 50) would be completed as part of the Lincoln and Victory coast-to-coast highways, providing the primary automobile access to the basin. Bay Area titans could now easily escape their stressful occupations for a weekend of play up at the lake and be back at work on Monday morning. San Francisco and Oakland society pages were full of details on the comings and goings of the Bay Area elite as the society Summer Season officially opened on the lake.

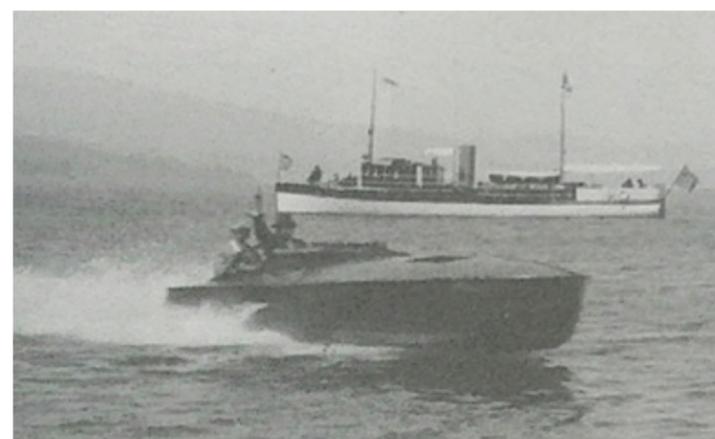
Rich and famous Bay Area socialites began establishing residences in Tahoe, while others preferred the convenience of staying at one of the

luxurious resorts, Homewood, McKinney’s, Glenbrook, Brockway, as well as a few places on South Lake, taking a steamer from Tahoe Tavern to reach their destinations and then using their sleek wooden runabouts to get around.

When **Edwin Letts Oliver’s** family began summering in Lake Tahoe, they initially stayed at Tahoe Tavern until they bought a house in what was then called Hurricane Bay. The original house was built in 1926, with additional spaces added later for their grown children. **R. Stanley Dollar, Sr.** purchased an estate on the north shore of Lake Tahoe from Lora Moore Knight. Known as Wychwood, the property extended from the south end of Carnelian Bay to what is now known as Lake Forest. **Henry J. Kaiser** drained 16 acres of wetlands on Tahoe’s west shore and built his mansion, Fleur du Lac, as an exclusive hideaway for Kaiser and the heads of the other five companies who joined forces to build the Hoover Dam project. A pleasure pier with rocked-in boat wells was built at Tahoe Tavern, along with coffee shop and sundeck. As traffic to the area continued to surge, Tahoe Tavern added garages, tennis courts, and a

livery stable.

Meanwhile, Robert P. Sherman was busy dividing up land for weekenders of more modest means. In 1927, Sherman purchased land to build his Cal-Neva Club in Crystal Bay. He divided forty thousand lots around King’s Beach, Tahoe Vista, and Brockway, hoping to sell them sight unseen to the folks down the hill. Only seventeen thousand of those lots were snapped up before the stock market crash of ‘29. Most of Sherman’s lots were lost during the Depression, and it wasn’t until the early 1930s that property development began in earnest, spurred, no doubt, by the 1931 Nevada law which legalized gambling and led to the development of Crystal Bay as a tourist and gaming center. In a way, the crash narrowly rescued the Tahoe basin from overpopulation.



LE-TAH-HE streaks past CONSUELO near the entrance to Emerald Bay. From the Lillian Vernon Farr Collection.

### FROM RUNABOUT TO RACING

Powerboat racing has coursed through the blood of Lake Tahoe since the debut race during the 4th of July festivities in 1914. Eugene David Noah Lehe grabbed the inaugural silver cup on the southwest shore of the lake, sponsored by the Hotel Tallac during its grand final years. Between 1914 and 1921, Lehe’s COLONEL and LE-TAH-HE runabouts took over half a dozen trophies on the lake. The first of these boats was a 26-foot steel hull powered by a 40 hp, 6 cylinder American Underslung automobile engine.

At the Tavern, and on Lake Tahoe has a whole, the only racing to be had was just for fun, cruiser competitions

### Summer Homes Will Be Opened At Tahoe With House Parties

By SUZETTE

THE summer season at Lake Tahoe is formally ushered in on the Fourth of July, and with the approach of the holidays many owners of summer homes are leaving this week and next to make ready for jolly house parties, or to open their homes for the season.

Motor boat races are the outstanding event of the Fourth. In these will be entered a number of the fastest boats owned by members of the younger set, who participate each year.

Mrs. Charles Rodolph and her daughter, Mrs. Louis Legler Ghirardelli, of Vallejo street, San Francisco, and the latter’s son, James McCandless, left yesterday for the lake to open their home for the summer. About the 11th of the month Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ames and their children will join them.

Mrs. Charles Tobey Bliss left Thursday for the lake and will be joined later by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul St. Sure (Elizabeth Bliss).

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Rowe have just completed a home at the lake and will leave Thursday to open it for the summer.

Mrs. Frederick Page Cutting and Mrs. J. H. Balsdon, whose properties at the lake adjoin, have already left for the mountains.

Dr. and Mrs. William H. Strietmann of Ashmont avenue, and their daughter, Miss Frances Strietmann, who was recently graduated from Miss Ransom’s and Miss Bridge’s school in Piedmont, will leave the latter part of next week for Lake Tahoe to pass the summer at their home on the lakeshore.

Miss Betsy Strietmann and her brother, William Strietmann, have preceded the family to the lake. Miss Strietmann is entertaining as her guests a group of her classmates at the University of California. They include Miss Louise Parcells, Miss Vivienne Caire, Miss Josephine Jackson and Miss Sue Lynch.

Also leaving within the fortnight for Lake Tahoe are Mrs. A. Emory Wishon and her daughter, Miss Martha Wishon. They will be hosts on two week-ends to friends from Carmel and Fresno.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Letts Oliver and their

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around 4th of July. A lot of the folks who started racing at the Tavern were members of yacht clubs in the Bay Area.

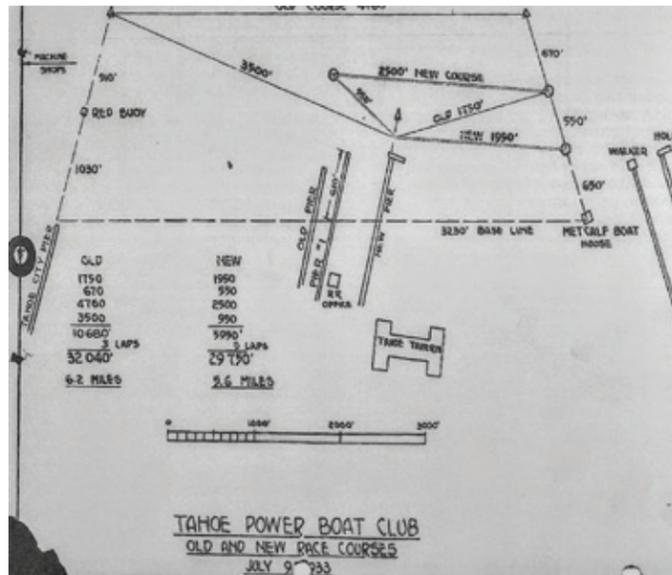
With playboys Norman DeVaux and Walter Scott Hobart Jr competing in early regattas on the lake, the Tahoe Powerboat Club was founded. **Edwin Letts Oliver** was its first commodore, with **George Newhall**, **Charles Kendrick**, and **Charlie Townsend** following on his heels. **Edwin Letts Oliver** brought his HEY THERE series of boats up to Tahoe. These early commodores were all members of St Francis

and other Bay Area Yacht Clubs. The sole purpose of creating the Tahoe Power Boat Club was for holding the regattas. One standout member among them was Miss Elsie Brower, who won handily against her male competitors, much to their chagrin.

The Tahoe Power Boat Club began running two regattas per year, first at Tahoe Tavern and then at Chambers. The Club expanded to three races during the season, taking ideas from yacht clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area. While the women handled the serious task of managing San Francisco Society visits to the lake, the boys (and the occasional “tough gal”) stuck to racing. The Club would hold meetings before the start of the season to discuss the regatta events, often at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The meal at the luncheon was always the same--”chicken à la king on a pastry shell with 6 green peas staring up at you.” Dues were \$10/year before WWII, then substantially increased to \$15 after the war and stayed that way until the 80s when the clubhouse was built. While he was commodore, **Charlie Townsend** donated the beautiful Commodore’s Cup that still sits in the clubhouse today. The Club would give away a sterling silver replica of the cup for as long as they could afford it.



Oliver’s HEY THERE. Courtesy of UC Berkeley, Bancroft Library, Oliver Family Photograph Collections

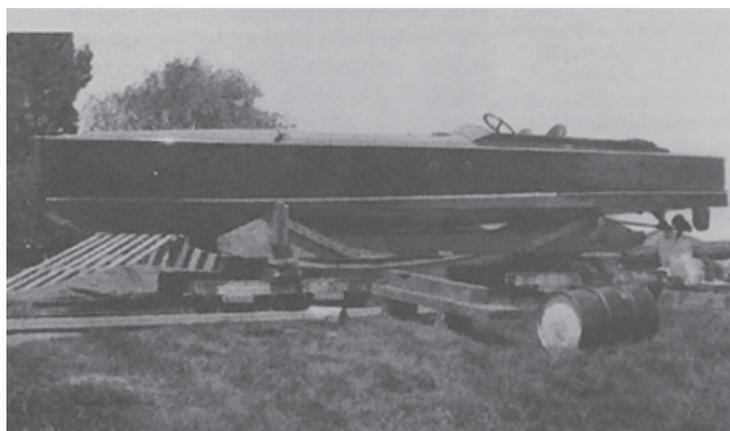


Tahoe Tavern Race Course, from the archives of the Tahoe Power Boat Club

## THE BANG & GO BACK

For these early races, there were a number of classes depending on horsepower, which ranged from perhaps 100 to 160 hp. Courses varied from a mile to mile and a half, viewable from the pier at Chambers Lodge. The club had a 10-gauge shotgun that fired blanks to start, and boats had to reach the starting line by the time the clocks were triggered. Most of the boats during the 20s were about 25' long with teak wood hulls. They were not very fast, something between a launch and a runabout. To mix things up, the club started to run a few novelty races. One race was the relay, then there was a handicap, then there was the Bang & Go Back.

As past Commodore **R. Randolph Walker** describes it, the Bang & Go Back was the “864th cousin 6 times removed from an Over the Bottom race.” For powerboats, there was one boat selected as the lead, with someone holding the flag. The lead boat could also be a participant in the race, but everyone had to stay behind or equal to the lead boat. Everyone went out, and when the flag was lowered, everyone went back. The winner was the boat that crossed the line exactly 5 seconds after the appointed time out. The race had a rectangular course that went all the way to south shore, with no “bunching up.” The classes were always set up based on the participants. Early programs all had lists of entrants but that was a misnomer, they were all club members. The B & GB lasted until 1980, when the Coast Guard asked the club to discontinue having all those boats rushing in simultaneously.



Brockway Metcalf's MISS SAN FRANCISCO, nee APACHE. Courtesy of Lawrence V. Metcalf

## EARLY RACE BOATS

As the competition on the lake heated up, purpose-built boats dominated. The thrill of speed on the water inspired a new breed of boats known as “runabouts.” Builders included Great Lakes companies such as Bell Isle, Chris-Craft and Gar Wood, and local company Stephens Brothers.

Out of Stockton, the Stephens Brothers got its start providing transportation vessels for commerce in the Sacramento-Delta. Driven by the need to commute between the delta and San Francisco, commercial buyers spurred the demand for fast, light transportation. Many early racers in Tahoe snapped up these Scripps engine, round-bottomed mahogany 26-footers. Among the first on the lake were the Elliott E. Morse's FLORENCE M and Edwin Letts Oliver's HEY THERE II.



From the archives of Mrs. Ross Bewley

J. P. “Jake” Obexer picked up the Gar Wood line to compete against the 30-foot Hacker and Belle Isles powered by Hall Scott engines, and the Roy Stephens' custom-built boats. Obexer launched his boat business, becoming the local rep for the Gar Wood Boat Company, in 1928. Clients included Arthur K. Bourne, heir of the Singer Sewing Machine fortune, **John Brockway Metcalf**, who owned Tahoe Tavern Heights, **Charles Kendrick**, whose son Marron flew across the lake on their flashy red-bottomed NAVAJO,

**Stanley Dollar**, William Wallace Mein, and **Brooks Walker**. Oliver's HEY THERE III was originally purchased from Jake Obexer of Obexer's Boat Company and was the first Gar Wood delivered and sold at Lake Tahoe. Obexer bought his own Gar Wood, MISS TAHOE, in 1939; the boat can still be seen at the Tahoe Maritime Museum.

Bert C. Scott and Herbert Fleishhacker floated the angled windshield, barrel-decked Bell Isles, COMANCHE and WASHOE, which were similar in style to Sydney Ehrman's custom-built 32-foot COMET. The Stephens Brothers boats were snapped up by the likes of **Edwin Letts Oliver**, **Gustav Knecht**, **Charles Townsend**, Herbert Fleishhacker Sr, and **Carol Skinner**. **Randolph Walker Sr.** challenged his brother-in-law **Edwin Letts Oliver** with his RANJACS. Chris Crafts emerged on the scene with Leon Roos' WHOOPEE and Frank Fuller's WATER WAGON.



Pier at Chambers Lodge, Lake Tahoe, Calif 1934. Contributing Institution: Pomona Public Library

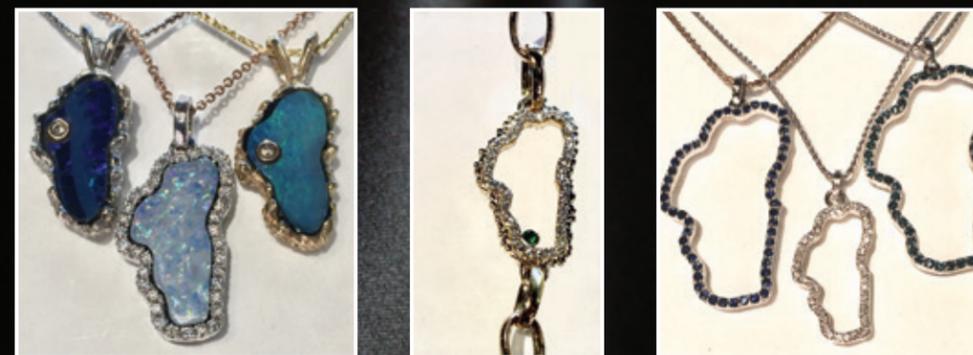
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The Tahoe Power Boat Club sent a letter out to its members, dated July 12, 1938, describing the decision to change the name to the Tahoe Yacht Club,

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to Tahoe Yacht Club. **Charlie Townsend** wrote the first check out to the order of the Tahoe Yacht Club, but don't be confused friends, the check was for dues and entry fees, which reminds us, have you paid your dues and entry fees, if not, we will certainly appreciate a check now, if you have paid ‘thanks a million.’”

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## News from the Rear Commodore

Spring is in the air here in Tahoe, with summertime just around the bend. TYC is busy ordering new retail merchandise for the warm months ahead. Please make time to check out the new items the next time you are in the Club. If you have additional suggestions for TYC items, don't hesitate to let me know what you would like us to add. We welcome input from the members. Inside the Clubhouse you may have noticed the additional cabinetry and counter space in the upper level. This

project will provide more countertop space for preparation during events such as First Fridays and the catered meals. The storage will allow easy access to retail merchandise and provide a more professional look. One of our next projects will be to upgrade the trophy and display cabinets throughout the Clubhouse.

The time has come to refresh our TYC photo gallery. Deborah Scott is taking the lead in refreshing the display of member boat



Margaret Holiday  
Rear Commodore

pictures up on the walls. We have an incredible display of member boats all around the Clubhouse. The plan is to see how many submissions we

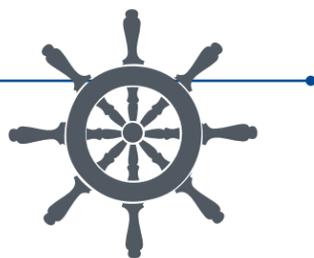
receive before we rearrange the current photos. If you do not have a picture of your boat currently on display, we would love for you to submit a printed 8x10 picture of your boat—it can include family, friends or the boat alone. Please include the boat name and member name and submit the photo and details to Ryan Hulstyn at the Club. If you have any questions, please let me or Deborah know. Cheers and hope to see your boat on our gallery walls. Here's to a great summer of sunshine, boating, social events of all kinds and simply enjoying Tahoe with Yacht Club friends. ⚓



New cabinets have cleaned up the look of the administrative area and added storage.



Your boat here!



## News from the Port Captain

We've got water! I have learned that I'm not the only club member who routinely monitors the USGS water data website on a daily basis. Lake Tahoe is nearing the maximum legal limit of 6,229.1 feet coupled with a robust snowpack. As you "summer-ize" your boat and change your impeller, don't forget to monitor your lake surroundings. I have already observed submerged branches and



Russ Arno  
Port Captain

other debris on the lake. VHF radio reminder – channel 9 is the recommended hailing channel while channel 16 is designated for distress and hailing. A recent FCC rule change now allows portable VHF radio use ashore, limited to areas adjacent to the water.

TYC was represented in full spirit for the 2017 Snowfest parade. I would like to personally thank club staff and volunteers who participated in this event. Our theme was "something for everyone" and members certainly didn't disappoint. Thanks to Bruce Ells for assistance with boat transport and Jamie Arno for soliciting participants via social media.

We plan to have the TYC fleet transported and onsite by Memorial Day. I would like to

remind members that we have many recreational items available for member use including SUP's, kayaks and lasers. Please contact club management to check out the fleet and for suggestions on where to launch these items.

Don't forget to sign up for the 2017 OTB series graciously facilitated by none other than Mike Simmons. Test your navigational acumen and patience with crew, please join us! Some additional boating events planned include "Commodores Cruise", "Rumgatta" and the Concours d'Elegance. Look for email blasts and postings on our social media page identifying these and other on the water events. ⚓



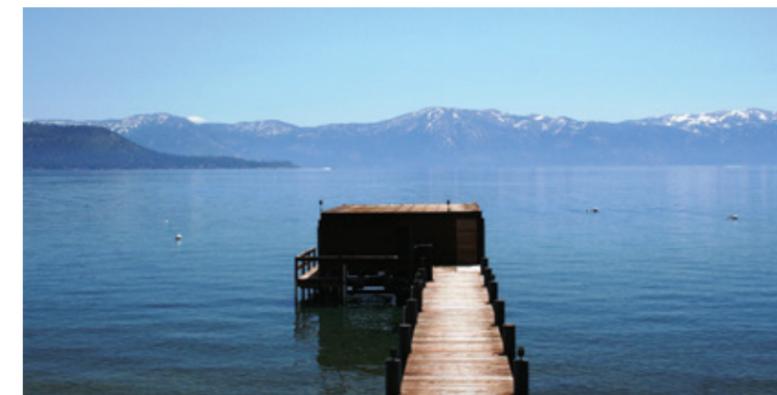
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# highlights from First Fridays

FROM CLUB MANAGER RYAN HULSTYN

## FEBRUARY

Rear Commodore Margaret Holiday teamed up with Theresa McNamara and hosted a TYC favorite Mexican-themed First Friday. A full taco bar was provided with plenty of food to feed

not only the hungry party goers, but also the staff for lunch in the days following!



Herb Pierce with Betsy & Kent Lieginger



Dan & Theresa McNamara with Margaret & Judd Holiday

# highlights from First Fridays

## APRIL

Terry & Bill Krivan are no strangers to hosting TYC parties, this one was another success. With the help of friend and caterer

Marlies Pendarvis, the Krivans provided a spread of salmon, deviled eggs, asparagus, delicious cheeses, and more.



Nileta Morton, Dorothy Prowell, and Deb Selak



Bill & Terry Krivan



## MARCH

Trish & Larry Scarcia stepped up to the plate to host their first ever First Friday and they hit a home run. They provided a wide variety of appetizers to feed fifty plus members while having flown in from Maryland only the previous day!



Trish & Larry Scarcia



Bill & Judy Echols

## MAY

It had to be a Mexican theme when First Friday fell on Cinco de Mayo! Bill Watson and his team from the Thunderbird Lodge ventured to our side of the lake where they cooked up a "South of the Border" feast of tacos, taquitos, and guacamole.

As always, First Friday cocktail parties are a great way to introduce prospective members to the club. Feel free to bring your friends, neighbors, and family so they can get a taste of what we're about here at TYC. If you'd like to host a First Friday, we are always looking for volunteers!



Bud Bensley and Larry Benson



Donna Blum, Ricky Durham, Frances Pierce, and Mark Blum



TYC members locked into a game of bridge.

# Summer Bridge

Summer Bridge at TYC will begin in June this year, a bit late due to Ray Landgraf's knee surgery. There will be games from 3-5 PM on each first Friday of the month through September. All bridge players are welcome. Look for monthly email notices. If you have any questions please contact Pat Landgraf.

# moments from the Social Scene

FROM CLUB MANAGER RYAN HULSTYN



Ryan Hulstyn  
Club Manager

## JANUARY 28- CHINESE NEW YEAR POTLUCK

In its two years running, the Chinese New Year Potluck has become a favorite event at TYC. Lisa & Andrew Casci once again hosted the event and Lisa cooked Chinese dishes for everyone to enjoy. On the menu were okonomiyaki, pot stickers, and much more. Lisa's dishes

were complimented by an impressive spread of potluck offerings from members. Meanwhile, Nico and Miya Casci ran Chinese gambling games which featured fabulous prizes like green tea, spicy mayonnaise, and even some wine from the bar!



Andree Benson, Judy Casci, Larry Benson, and Butch Casci



Fritzi Briner, Theresa McNamara, Margaret Holiday, and Nancy Cunningham

## FEBRUARY 5- SUPER BOWL PARTY

No matter what side you were pulling for, you had to appreciate what a great game Super Bowl 51 turned out to be. During the game members enjoyed Potluck game day favorites such as chili dogs provided by the Club, beef stew from Rick & Jill Raduziner, and ceviche from Andrew Casci. In the end it was a great night to be a Patriots fan after an unbelievable fourth quarter comeback and eventual overtime win!



Members look on in awe as the Patriots completed a comeback win after being down 28-3 in the 3rd Quarter.



TYC's 2017 float was themed "Something for Everyone". Bruce Ells did the driving with the help of Dorothy Prowell and Howard Hayes.



## MARCH 4 SNOWFEST PARADE

This year, TYC set out to show our diverse selection of activities at the Snowfest Parade with the theme "Something for Everyone." Aboard the float were snowboarders, boaters, partiers, a fireman, Penguin skiers, and what looked like an actual penguin! Seeing the 26' boat pass down the street in Tahoe City is an annual favorite of parade attendees. Thanks to Ross Arno and Bruce Ells for making the trip to Beckwourth to pick up our float.

## FEBRUARY 18- MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



The "Poisoned in Paradise" cast showing the shaka.



Dude Hangten aka Jorge Farinacci left in cuffs after being fingered for the murder.

The scene was set for a spectacular evening as the clubhouse was transformed into the Leaky Tiki Hawaiian Restaurant and crime scene. Actormeister Les Schwoob put together another outstanding show with the help of master decorator Linda Schwoob. Catering was provided by the Crest Cafe who treated attendees to a "Hints o Hawaii" menu. TYC

members and actors Dick Morton, Catherine Thornton, Rod Sumpter, Jorge Farinacci, Terra Kanwetz, Linda Schwoob, Jeff Thornton, Herb Pierce, and Frances Pierce has the audience in tears as they did their best to wiggle out of suspicion. In the end Jorge, or "Dude Hangten," was found to be the killer and left in cuffs.



The Fuzz aka Herb & Frances Pierce.



Leilani Swainhips aka Terra Kanwetz with husband Alex.



Chief Honikaua Wiki-Wiki aka Rod Sumpter.

# moments from the Social Scene

## MARCH 18- MCPOTLUCK

Everyone was Irish for the day, especially Port Captain Ross Arno, during the annual McPotluck. Members sipped green beer, Commodore's Irish Coffee, and leprechaun cocktails while they enjoyed spectacular homemade Irish potluck-style dishes. After having a chance to

sample everything, members voted for their favorite dishes. In first place was Shannon Madison's green corned beef tacos followed by Les & Linda Schwoob's corned beef in second, and Trish Scarcia's beef stew in third. Each went home with a bottle of wine for their efforts.



Jamie Arno (middle) with two rather tall leprechauns-Ross Arno and Howard Hayes.



Bill Briner and Nileta Morton.



The winning dish was Shannon Madison's Green Corned Beef Tacos.

## APRIL 22 SOUPER SATURDAY

TYC member Ellen Magnani recently returned from a trip to Kazakhstan where her daughter in law was recently launched to the International Space Station. On April 22, fellow members were able to relive the trip through Ellen's photos and stories while they enjoyed minestrone soup and various sandwiches from Tahoe House Bakery & Gourmet.



Ellen Magnani provided witty travel stories and a personal take on the experience.



Members were treated to a behind the scenes look at NASA's Space Station program.

## MAY 6 KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

The annual "run for the roses" party always attracts a lively bunch. On a snowy spring afternoon, members watched Always Dreaming win the first leg of the Triple Crown while they sipped mint juleps and enjoyed lunch catered by Paul & Deb Selak. On the menu were fried chicken, honey ham, shrimp cocktail and more. Winners of the highly coveted "best dressed" contest were Kathleen Landers, Sally Stone, Andy Wagner, and Gerald Landers.



Best Costume winners Gerald and Kathleen Landers, Andy Wagner, and Sally Stone.



Paul & Deb Selak spiced up the Derby decor with a life-sized wooden horse as a centerpiece.

# SUMMER EVENTS

FROM RYAN HULSTYN



## WINE PAIRING: CANIHAN WINES & CHEF SCOTT YORKEY SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 6 PM

Back in 2015, TYC members had the opportunity to visit fellow member Bill Canihan's Sonoma Valley winery where a tour of the grounds was followed by a tasting and gourmet lunch. The event would go down as one of TYC's best offsite events ever. Now, members have the unique opportunity to taste Bill's wines in the comfort of their own clubhouse, this time accompanied by food pairing specially selected by Chef Scott Yorkey. Look for emails with further details.



## RAFT UP SATURDAY, JULY 1, TIME TBD

Raft-ups are exciting new cruising events on the 2017 summer calendar. TYC will choose a destination on the lake where member boats will be able to tie up or anchor and go ashore where they will be greeted by staff with a grill, beach games, and cold drinks! More details will be released as we get closer to the event so keep an eye out!



## 4TH OF JULY AT THE CLUB TUESDAY, JULY 4, 6 PM

4th of July means the TYC clubhouse is bustling with members having a good time. Join friends and family and enjoy BBQ-style food, drinks, and summer fun as we await Tahoe City's 72nd annual fireworks show. This will once again be a free event for members and one of TYC's signature summer parties! Guests are \$20 per person, please RSVP to help us plan.



## RUMGATTA SUNDAY, JULY 16, 9:30 AM

Thanks to Steve & Jodi Nash and their ultimate bar boat, last year's Rumgatta cruise was a huge success. If the weather holds we will once again be making the trip down to the Edgewood Golf Course in South Lake Tahoe to catch the 28th Annual American Century Championship. Make sure you pack a lunch and meet the fleet on the water for a 9:30 AM departure. Look for the anchored boat flying a TYC burgee where we'll be serving up complimentary rum drinks and bringing members ashore.



## BIG KAHUNA SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 6 PM

Everyone's favorite luau party, the Big Kahuna, is back! Bring your dancing shoes and your favorite lei and be ready for a Hawaiian menu of passed hors

d'oeuvres, mai tais, and a live band! There will be prizes for the most elaborate costumes, so start planning now! Mark your calendars for this great summer event!

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## June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> Cocktail Party 5 pm	<i>Private Event</i> 5 pm	
4	5 Laser Race First Shape 1800	6	7 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	8 <i>NT Rowing Regatta</i> Dinner 6 pm	9 <i>NT Rowing Regatta</i> Kings Beach 7 am	10
11	12 Laser Race First Shape 1800	13	14 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	15 <i>Private Event</i> 5 pm	16 BOD Meeting 9:30 am <b>OTB Launch</b> Party 5:30 pm	17 <b>OTB #1</b> Tahoe Yacht Club 8:30 am WINE PAIRING CANIHAN WINES & SCOTT YORKEY 6 pm
18 <b>Father's Day</b>	19 Laser Race First Shape 1800	20	21 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	22 <i>Trans Tahoe Regatta</i>	23 <i>Trans Tahoe Regatta</i> & Awards	24
25	26 Laser Race First Shape 1800	27	28 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	29	30 <b>Eagles Golf</b> Northstar 12 pm	

## July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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					<i>Raft Up</i>		
2 <b>OTB #2</b> Tahoe Yacht Club 8:30 am	3 Laser Race First Shape 1800	4 <b>4th of July at the Club</b> Party 5:30 pm	5 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	6	7 <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> Cocktail Party 5 pm	8	
9	10 Laser Race First Shape 1800 Laser Race SPRING AWARDS	11	12 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800 <i>Beer Can</i> SPRING AWARDS	13 <b>Eagles Golf</b> Northstar 12 pm	14 <b>OTB #3</b> Garwoods 8:30 am <i>Garwoods Regatta</i> First Shape 1500 <i>Private Event</i> 6 pm	15	
16 <b>Rumgatta</b> <b>Cruise</b> 9:30 am	17 Laser Race First Shape 1800	18	* * U S L A S E R N A T I O N A L S * *				22
23 * * *	24 Laser Race First Shape 1800	25	26 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	27	28 <b>Eagles Golf</b> Northstar 12 pm	29 BOD Meeting 9:30 am <b>Commodores'</b> <b>Cruise</b> 3:30 pm	
30	31						

## August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		<i>Private Event</i> 6 pm	<i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800		<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> Cocktail Party 5 pm	<b>OTB #4</b> West Shore Cafe 8:30 am <b>BIG KAHUNA</b> 6 pm
6	7 Laser Race First Shape 1800	8	9 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	10 Opening Night Dinner Tahoe Maritime Museum 6 pm	2017 Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance	
13	14 <b>Woodie OTB</b> Laser Race First Shape 1800	15	16 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	17	18 <b>Eagles Golf</b> Northstar 12 pm <i>Private Event</i> 5 pm	19 BOD Meeting 9:30 am
20 <i>Raft Up</i>	21 Laser Race First Shape 1800	22	23 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800	24 WINE PAIRING UNCORKED 6 pm	25 <b>Eagles Golf</b> Northstar 12 pm	26 <b>OTB #5</b> Tahoe City Marina 8:30 am Followed by Awards Luncheon TBA <i>Private Party</i> 5 pm
27	28 Laser Race First Shape 1800 Laser Race SUMMER AWARDS	29	30 <i>Beer Can Race</i> First Shape 1800 <i>Beer Can Ball</i> Dinner 8 pm	31		

## September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> Cocktail Party 5 pm	Annual Meeting of the Membership 2 pm Followed by End of Summer Cocktail Reception 4:30 pm
3	4 <b>Labor</b> <b>Day</b>	5	6	7	8 <i>Private Party</i> 5 pm	9 <i>Laser Fleet</i> <i>Championships</i> <i>Stampede Reservoir</i> <i>Private Party</i> 8 pm
10 <i>Laser Fleet</i> <i>Championships</i> <i>Stampede Reservoir</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

# A full lake and a full schedule!



Dan Hauserman with his crew aboard Personal Puff

What a difference a year makes! We now have a full lake and boy, do we have a lot to talk about. We are offering our usual fun schedule of events but this year there is something more. There will be a new and improved Trans-Tahoe regatta, which will now be a two-day event. We also moved up the date to June in order to secure more moorings for out of town competitors. It should make for a whole new chapter in the long history of this event.

This summer, we are hosting quite possibly the biggest sailing event in Tahoe history. The U.S. National Championship for both Laser and Laser Radials will have an expected attendance of well over 100 boats! Please look for separate articles covering both those events in this issue.

## SPEAKING OF LASER RACING...

Did you know that the Lake Tahoe Laser Fleet has been around since the late 70's and two of the original founders are still out there today? The Lake Tahoe Laser Fleet is one of the most active fleets in California and has been strong every year.

Laser races are held throughout the summer every Monday night beginning Memorial Day. The spring and summer series are 7 weeks each. There are three co-ed fleets racing each week: Laser A fleets, Laser B fleets, and the Laser Pico Jr. fleet. The Laser A and B fleets can be sailed with the Standard sail, or the smaller and more manageable Radial sail. The sailor makes the decision at the dock. If you have some basic boat handling skills and want to come out to play, the B fleet is a great way to get involved.

The season finishes up with the annual two day Laser Fleet Championship and campout at Stampede Reservoir in September, which is



Bright spinnakers against a green Sierra backdrop.

always a highlight of the summer sailing season. Last year we had nearly 30 boats for this growing event, which is now two days of racing and is attended by more and more out-of-towners.

*Thank you to our sponsors, Jakes on the Lake, Sunnyside Restaurant and Moe's Original BBQ. Their support over the years is a big part of our fleet success. The after sailing dinner is always fun.*

Did you know TYC offers a wonderful member benefit called the "Buddy Boat" program? That's right. We have two Lasers, two Sunfishes and one Laser Pico, and they are all free for members to use. The Pico is easy to sail and is perfect for the novice or intermediate adult or child with up to two adults sailing. The sunfish is for the low intermediate to advanced sailor, while the Laser is for the high intermediate to expert



Dan Hauserman with his crew aboard Personal Puff

sailor. You can check out the sail bag at the clubhouse. This is a great way to get a feel for it or brush up on your sailing skills. Thank you to the TYC members who donated these terrific boats!

Dinghy sailboat racing is a great spectator sport. If you are out in your boat on a Monday night, motor on over to the race area and check it out. You will likely witness some fabulous boat handling skills and exciting mark roundings. Contact the office or Rick Raduziner (Laser Fleet Captain) for more information.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BEER CAN RACING

The Beer Can series kicks in just two days after Memorial Day on May 31st. We offer the spring and summer race series with 7 nights of racing per series. There are currently three classes of racing. Division One consists of the biggest and fastest boats we have. Division 2 is for medium fast boats with PHRF ratings (handicaps to level the playing field) between 57 and 87. Division 3 is our largest division, consisting of boats with PHRF ratings of 90 or more. Wednesday evenings are all about good times and competitive fun on the water. After the races sailors pack into the TYC bar to pat each other on the back and/or tell of a missed wind shift or remarkable come from behind victory! Sailing stories can be pretty entertaining and, like fish stories, seem to get bigger after a drink or two at the club. Even if you are not a sailor, you should stop by the club Wednesdays after racing and check it out!

## GARWOOD'S REGATTA

The Garwoods Regatta is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th. This is one of the favorite sailing events, offering racing in a different area. Racers will test their skills circumnavigating Carnelian Bay. Be sure to look for us racing in front of Garwoods that day. The start and finish lines are directly in front of the restaurant.

Many thanks to all volunteers and especially to the race organizers for making everything run so well. Your sail committee consists of the following much appreciated volunteers: Jim Mullen, Gary Redelberger, Rick Raduziner, John Siegel, Stacy Conner, Bryce Griffith, John Morrison, John Utter and myself, Dan Hauserman. ⚓

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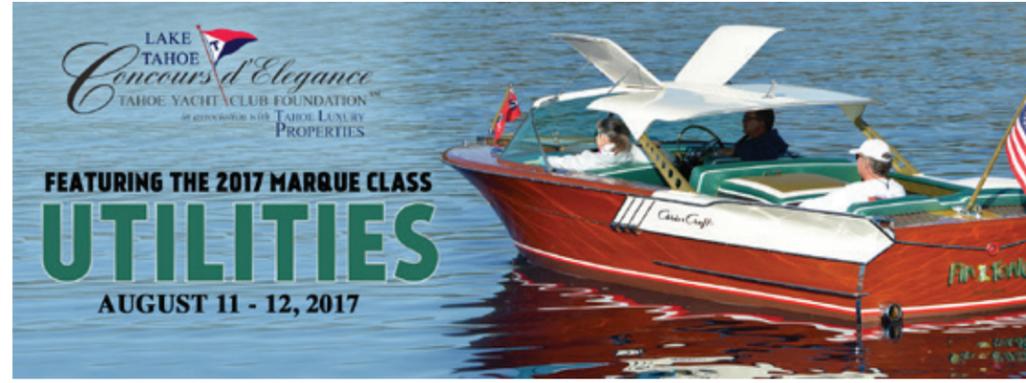
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Concours d'Elegance 2017

FROM BUD BENSLEY



The Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance launches August 11th and 12th, 2017 at Obexer's Boat Company, Homewood, CA. In its 45th year, the Concours is the longest existing and most recognized wooden boat show on Lake Tahoe.



Bud Bensley

In 1972, a group of Tahoe Yacht Club members and friends got together at Chamber's Landing on Lake Tahoe's west shore to share their passion for wooden boats. From this modest beginning, the Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance has grown to be the most recognized and longest existing antique and classic boat show on Lake Tahoe and has achieved major recognition in North America and worldwide.

In 1994, the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation was formed to take over the hosting of the Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance. The Foundation has focused on the continued growth of the show while making charitable donations providing educational opportunities in the Lake Tahoe area and enhancing expertise or understanding of maritime skills.

The show has grown in recognition due to the quality of boats exhibited, the high judging standards and practices, and most importantly the passion for wooden boats shared between exhibitors and the public.

The show was moved from its Carnelian Bay location in 2015 and continues to take place in August each year at Obexer's Boat Company in Homewood, California on Lake Tahoe.

This year the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation, in conjunction with Tahoe Luxury Properties, is excited to feature another outstanding Marque Class by hosting the world's best antique and classic Utility boats from various manufacturers. First introduced after the Great Depression in the early 1930s, utility boats overtook runabouts in popularity after World War II.

Many social events help to add to the passion and excitement of Wooden Boat Week and the Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance. The Exhibitors' Barbecue and Awards Presentation on Friday evening, Aug. 11, is one of those events. A gala Opening Night Dinner and Dance kicks off Wooden Boat Week, with a Men's Grill, Ladies' Luncheon on the Lake, and Woodie Over-The-Bottom to follow. All events are open to the public.

As a special thank you and recognition to Concours Personal and Corporate Sponsors, there are benefits including a VIP Lounge and parking at the show, and by-invitation-only Sponsor Dinner.

Volunteers are critical to the Concours success and without you this magical weekend would not be possible! If you desire to be added to the volunteer contact list, please

go to [volunteers@laketaheconcours.com](mailto:volunteers@laketaheconcours.com). Invitations will be extended to everyone on the contact list in April, both past and first-time volunteers. Heidi Bensley will again be the Volunteer Coordinator. If you have any questions or concerns, Heidi may be contacted via email at [Bensleyhb@aol.com](mailto:Bensleyhb@aol.com) or cell 209-629-1277. Thank you for serving!

Please visit our web site [www.LakeTahoeConcours.com](http://www.LakeTahoeConcours.com) to get information on everything from volunteers, sponsorship opportunities, to boat entries, tickets, and social events. Or, give event managers, Liquid Blue Events, a call at 775 851-4456 for sponsorship and show information.

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# Over-the-Bottom Series & WOTB 2017 and Beyond



Terry Clapham's Mahogany Lady awaiting a start during the 2016 WOTB

The 2016 OTB Series was a tremendous success in terms of both income and participation, with the exceptional registration of 28 boats for the full race Series. There were more than 20 boats participating in each event. We could best characterize the goal of the OTB Series to be "Challenging, Fun, and Socially Competitive". With this mission in mind we clearly achieved our goals these past many years.

In 2017 we have scheduled a continuation of this format. Events associated with Over-the-Bottom include the following

## SUMMER 2017 OVER-THE-BOTTOM SERIES EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	REGISTRATION
OTB Launch Party	Friday, June 16th	TYC	5:30 pm
OTB #1	Saturday, June 17th	TYC	8:30 am on the water
OTB #2	Sunday, July 2nd	TYC	8:30 am on the water
OTB #3	Saturday, July 15th	TBD	8:30 am on the water
OTB #4	Saturday, August 5th	TBD	8:30 am on the water
WOTB*	Monday, Aug. 14th	TYC	8:30 am on the water
OTB #5	Saturday, Aug. 26th	TBD	8:30 am on the water

### Awards Lunch Afterwards

Please arrive by 8:30am for on the water registration with the event start at 9am.

\*All Power boats (wood, fiberglass, metal for example) are welcome to join this special Wooden Boat Week event, but priority will go to boats signed up for the Concours. Call the TYC Staff for more information (530-581-4700). This event is not part of the OTB Season Series.

**The Race Structure is changing to keep the OTB Series viable for the future:** For 2017, Mike Simmons will be taking the year off as a participant in the series and has volunteered to run the on-the-water events. He will have help from staff with some of the trivia and other general coordination. Since the more complex Woodie OTB is such an important TYC event, Mike will be looking to the membership for assistance and hopes to coerce

Greg to manage it. This is a one year volunteer involvement. The long term goal is to expand to a new level of participation that will allow for greater continuity for the future.

**Beginning in 2018, the five race OTB Series will be subdivided between 5 separate Captains (and crews)** so that each are missing just one race as a result. These volunteers will be sourced from participants who have either, 1) won in past years, or 2) expressed an interest

in this role after a full understanding of the obligations. During the 2018 Series, Mike Simmons will act as a trainer/back-up for the five Race Planners, but will be able to participate in at least 3 Series events in his boat, *Above Water*. Mike will work with the Race Planners to promote a strong core value around the OTB structure, while allowing each Race Planner to successfully place their individual mark on



David Renkert passing out instructions and start times.

events, tailored to their own special look. This new direction of Race Planners for the OTB will lead to strong succession planning year after year. Staff members will also work with them and have key functional responsibilities.

**The OTB Fee Structure needs to support the mission** of "Challenging, Fun and Socially Competitive." With 28 boats in full Series, it begins to create a burden on the Series winner. For the 2017 season, the TYC Board has determined that the following fee structure is appropriate:

- i. Increasing the fee by \$10, to \$130 for the season.
- ii. Continuing with the non-member fee of \$35 for one race only promotion.
- iii. Adding a TYC contribution of \$15 per registered boat toward the Series Award Luncheon to assist in offsetting the winner's costs, beginning with this season's luncheon.

**The WOTB is an important event for TYC to sponsor.** The event has been quite successful and the post-race venue, back at the TYC, works best for a Monday event. Changes for next year include having both the start and finish at Tahoe City Marina so that the logistics are less complex for all involved. And remember, OTB Series participants can join this extra event for free; only paying for the Awards Brunch back at the Club. ⚓

# 2017 Trans-Tahoe Regatta

FROM DEE DEE FELICH

The 54th annual Trans-Tahoe Regatta, the most competitive race on Lake Tahoe, will be highlighted this year with several new changes including its new date.

The Regatta will start on Friday, June 23rd with different PHRF and one-design divisions competing in afternoon buoy races, followed by the long distance race on Saturday, June 24th\*. Off the water fun events will be held Friday evening at Tahoe City's iconic River Grill restaurant, and the awards ceremony on Saturday will be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club at the conclusion of all racing.

A classic competition since 1963, this event has hosted yachts from as far as San Diego and Seattle., Sailors come to test their skills over a 25 mile course played out on Lake Tahoe's excellent sailing conditions and spectacular high-mountain views!

Visit [TahoeYC.com](http://TahoeYC.com) for more information and to register. We look forward to seeing you and having a great weekend of sailing in beautiful Lake Tahoe!

\* Rain date for the distance race will be Sunday, June 25. ⚓



Lasers on our beautiful Lake Tahoe.

## Laser U.S. National Championship

This summer the Tahoe Yacht Club will host a major sailing championship. Beginning Wednesday, July 19th and running through Sunday the 23rd, we will be conducting the U.S. National Championship for the Laser and Laser Radial classes. We anticipate that approximately 150 men, women, boys, and girls will be competing on the waters of North Lake Tahoe. U.S. Sailing, our governing national sailing authority, recognizes this as their U.S. Singlehanded Championship. This is your chance to participate, spectate, and rub elbows with some of the hottest dinghy sailors on the planet.

The first Laser Class boat was launched in 1971. The Laser is a one-design, singlehanded boat that is 13'9" in length, weighing 130 lbs., with a total of 76 square feet of sail area. The Laser was first introduced at the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996 as the Men's Singlehanded division boat. In 2008, the Laser Radial Class became the Women's Singlehanded division boat at the Beijing Olympics.

Fun fact: Did you know Lake Tahoe has one of the largest Laser fleets in Northern California?

The Laser U.S. National Championship is our chance to show off Lake Tahoe and the Tahoe Yacht Club to competitors from around the world. We have invited several volunteer certified race officials and on-the-water judges to ensure a high-quality event. In order to put on an event of the size and caliber we need additional on-the-water and shore-side volunteers to make it successful!

Please contact Erica Mattson Siegel, [eamattson23@gmail.com](mailto:eamattson23@gmail.com), if you would like to volunteer. We need housing for race officials and competitors, help with registration, social activities, hospitality, spectator boats and much, much more. Don't miss out on being a part of this world-class event, and come see who will be crowned the next champion! ⚓

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# Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association News & Activities

BY FRANCES PIERCE/BILL KRIVAN  
TYC PICYA DELEGATES

TYC is a long-time member of the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA), formed in San Francisco in 1896 to improve communication between yacht clubs, provide uniform racing rules, and encourage yachting. From the 5 chartering clubs, today over 100 member clubs in Northern California have a combined membership of approximately 15,600 boating families.

## OPENING DAY ON THE BAY – APRIL 23, 2017

For 100 years, according to the Yachting Registry, PICYA has opened the San Francisco Bay yachting season with a parade of boats large and small. Opening Day on the Bay is Sunday, April 23, 2017, with the theme of “Cruising the Century”, showcasing historic moments of all kinds: Nautical, Technology, Science, Historic Figures and more.



This is a spectacular day to participate in the parade, and we encourage club members who boat on the Bay to represent TYC each year by registering, decorating their boats and participating.

For those not able to parade in their (or a friend's) boat, members are always welcome aboard the PICYA committee boat Hornblower, for spectacular views of the parade and beautiful San Francisco Bay, along with a fabulous served sit-down lunch with a no host bar.



Photo by Mia Bernt

## 2017 COMMODORE'S BALL AND CHANGE OF WATCH

On Saturday, January 28th at the Sheraton Hotel in Petaluma, the PICYA held its Twenty-Fifth Annual Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers, honoring Commodore Linda Blue and the PICYA 2017 Officers and Directors.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLED WERE:

**Commodore, Linda Blue - Petaluma Yacht Club**  
**Vice Commodore, Winston Bumpus - Sequoia Yacht Club**  
**Rear Commodore, Bill Gargan - Sausalito Yacht Club**  
**Jr. Staff Commodore, Erich Schoenwisner - Alameda Yacht Club**  
**Secretary/Treasurer, Sherri Adams**

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**Peter Van Der Werff - Coyote Point Yacht Club**  
**Robert Willis - Ebony Boat Club**

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**Norm Pennington - Delta Yacht Club & San Leandro Yacht Club**  
**Maggie Sabovich - Oakland Yacht Club & Vallejo Yacht Club**  
**Patti Brennan - Berkeley Yacht Club & Stockton Yacht Club**  
**Wendell Snyder - Glen Cove Yacht Club**

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**Matt Byers - Loch Lomond Yacht Club**



Sailing on the San Francisco Bay

## RECREATIONAL BOATERS OF CALIFORNIA (RBOC)

PICYA created Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) in 1968 as a governmental advocacy organization representing California boaters. It is committed to promoting the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways. RBOC continues to work a number of issues with real importance to the recreational boating community. RBOC is currently involved in various degrees with the following issues:

**Vessel Operator Certification** – starting January 1, 2018, Senate Bill 941 will require California boaters to obtain a California Vessel Operator Cart (CVOC). This CVOC requirement will be phased in over 8 years.

January 1, 2018: Persons 20 years of age or younger  
January 1, 2019: Persons 25 years of age or younger  
January 1, 2020: Persons 35 years of age or younger  
January 1, 2021: Persons 40 years of age or younger

January 1, 2022: Persons 45 years of age or younger  
January 1, 2023: Persons 50 years of age or younger  
January 1, 2024: Persons 60 years of age or younger  
January 1, 2025: All persons regardless of age

**Boating Under the Influence** - in July, AB 1829 [Levine] was signed into law

Other Issues with continuing RBOC involvement:

- **Abandoned Watercraft Abatement**
- **SB 1162 Copper Bottom Paint**
- **Renewable Fuel Standard (ethanol usage)**
- **Use of Boater Fuel Taxes**
- **California WaterFix plan (including the proposed twin tunnels in the Delta).**

## BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Governor Jerry Brown has re-appointed David Livingston, 52, of Danville (serving since 2012) and Virginia Madueno, 51, of Riverbank (serving since 2013) to the Boating and Waterways Commission.

## FEDERAL BUDGET CONCERNS

After a first look at the Trump administration's new budget blueprint released March 16, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) says that boat owners should be aware of potential budget impacts that could affect boating safety, access and the health of our waterways. Proposed cuts to agencies such as the Departments of Commerce and Interior, Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency could lead to changes for many programs that matter to boating. Additional information is available on the RBOC website at [www.rbo.org/issues/](http://www.rbo.org/issues/)

## TYC SUPPORT TO PICYA & RBOC PROGRAMS

At the April 2017 delegate meeting at the Pittsburg Yacht Club, TYC provided a check for \$1,155 to support RBOC's efforts. Club members contribute add-on amounts designated for RBOC when renewing their membership. Thank you, all.

In addition, at the same meeting TYC donated a check for \$250 to the PICYA Foundation in support of the PICYA Scholarship program. PICYA awards scholarships to graduating high school students or to college students wishing to continue their education in approved institutions of higher learning, typically in the amount of \$2,500.

To be considered applicants must be:

- Students whose parents, grandparents, guardians or mentors are members of a yacht club belonging to PICYA
- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors of the current year, or college students continuing to pursue their educational goals.
- If you are aware of worthy candidates for these scholarships, please bring them to the attention a member of the Board of Directors. Applications for 2017 scholarships are due June 15, 2017. For more information, see: [www.picya.org/scholarships](http://www.picya.org/scholarships)

Our fabulous ski season conditions also bode really well for summer boating. See you on the water! ⚓

## Eagles Golf



The Eagles before a round at Northstar in 2016.

The Eagles are playing again this summer. All golfing events will be played at Northstar Golf Resort. We are using Northstar as our home course due to price and availability, and the fact that they can accommodate 9 and 18 hole players at the same time. Price this year will be \$60.00 for the June event. For the rest of the summer, the price will be \$70.00 for 18 holes, and \$45 for the 9 hole players for all 5 rounds.

Fridays are the most popular playing day at all golf resorts and usually much more expensive. We were lucky to be able to schedule Fridays because of the relationship we have established with Northstar.

Those who would like to schedule golf lessons as a group or individually should contact Ryan at TYC. Ryan will make arrangements with the Northstar teaching staff, who will offer very competitive rates.

Five tournaments are scheduled and all will be played on Fridays. Tee times will begin at 12:00pm. We can also add days throughout the summer if there is enough interest.

### DATES:

FRIDAY, JUNE 30	\$60.00
FRIDAYS, JULY 14 & 28	\$70.00
FRIDAY, AUG. 18	\$70.00
<i>The last tournament of the season will be on</i>	
FRIDAY, SEPT. 8	\$70.00

Since we are playing one hour earlier than last year we would like to have pizza night in the clubhouse after golf. A fee will be charged for the pizza. Call Ryan to book your tee times. See you on the GREEN. ⚓



# Wine Events

FROM YOUR WINE EVENTS COMMITTEE -  
BILL YUNDT (CHAIR), NAN BROWN, SOL GOLD,  
TERRA KANWETZ, WALTER NELSON  
& ANDY WAGNER

Lookin' like we are in for a lot of liquid enjoyment this year. The lake is full and the wine is flowing! It doesn't get better than that.

We kicked off our 2017 wine events calendar on March 11 with the Navarro & Scotty - Wine & Food Pairing. Navarro Vineyards is a family owned California winery whose Pinot Noir is one of the featured wines in our club bar selection. Scotty (Scott Yorkey) is, of course, known to you all as the Executive Chef at Jakes and one of our favorite cuisine artists in matching wonderful culinary creations to beautiful wines. About forty members and guests enjoyed these stellar pairings:

- 2015 Pinot Gris - Anderson Valley with Seared Scallop, Avocado & Winter Citrus Beurre Blanc
- 2015 Gewurztraminer - Anderson Valley with Hamachi, Coconut, Brown Rice, Shaved Pineapple & Serrano Chili
- 2013 Pinot Noir - Anderson Valley with Duck Breast Pan Jus, Brie Cheese Mousse, Luxardo Cherry & Crispy Prosciutto
- 2013 Zinfandel - Mendocino with Braised Beef Short Ribs, Ginger, Chile Glaze, Mashed Yams, Pancetta & Spinach
- 2013 Late Harvest Riesling - Anderson Valley with Preserved Peach Custard Tartlet & Honey Whipped Cream

I incorrectly introduced our guest winery host, Jim Klein, as the Navarro General Manager and he modestly corrected me saying "I'm only the winemaker." Well, I'll take the winemaker anytime. He was the best and most witty winery representative we have ever had, with marvelous anecdotes and recollections from his career since studying enology at UC Davis.

On to the future. Your wine committee is working on plans for the Spring and Summer. So far we have scheduled:

- Saturday, July 8 - Wine & Food Pairing with Hall Wines, brought to you once again by Sol with food pairings by member/chef Paul Selak
- Thursday, August 24, Chris Barkman, co-owner of Uncorked, our



Geno Gastelum, Carla & John Sakrison, and Suzanne Boucher



Linda & Fred Greifenstein



Dan & Theresa McNamara



Gerald & Kathleen Landers

local fine wine store (Tahoe City, Squaw Valley and Truckee) will provide a selection of Italian wines in a complementary wine tasting

We also have tentative commitments from Wente, Venge and Canihan Wines (member Bill Canihan) and are working on others. So, watch your email for Ryan's regular event announcements and stay tuned for more adventures in wine.

Good Wine, Good Times and Smooth Sailing! ⚓



# TYC Water Skiing

BY MARK BLUM



Are you a ski boat owner in search of skiers to make you legal and safe? Are you a skier (or wakeboarder or wake surfer) in search of a tow? Welcome to the "Maharajah's", Tahoe Yacht Club's newest boating interest group. This will be an online corkboard on the club's website which will link up boat owners and skiers to each other's mutual benefit. If you are a boat owner in search of skiers and/or observers, post your information regarding your boat, it's location, and when you are looking for skiers and/or observers. If you are a skier looking for a ride, post your location and availability to participate. The idea is to eliminate those perfect "glassy" mornings when your boat sits in the harbor for lack of participants or you sit in the house for lack of a ride. Post your information, lets get together and go skiing this summer.

P.S. For those of you not old enough to remember, Maharajah was a brand of wooden water ski considered the ultimate back in the 1960's and 1970's. ⚓

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special events. If you are thinking about planning a party or special event and are looking for a stunning location, consider our Clubhouse.

As a benefit to TYC members, the Clubhouse facility rental is offered at a special rate. Members have access to the Clubhouse for private events of all shapes and sizes. Private party rental rates vary based on the number of guests attending and the services included. TYC has a long list of local caterers, florists, wedding planners and other suppliers that can make planning any kind of event a piece of cake. TYC can provide tables and chairs, staff the bar, and help with other arrangements as needed. With the warming station area, caterers can handle many food preparation task. The Clubhouse is great for weddings, receptions, birthdays and just about any celebration or occasion. Non-members are able to use the Clubhouse at non-member rates.

Prices and details are available by contacting Ryan Hulstyn, TYC Club Manager.



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