

Tammany Yacht Club

# Spy Glass



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PO Box 1038, Slidell, LA 70458

January 2026

## In Loving Memory of Kenny LaNata



*Our dear friend and part of our TYC family*



# VICE COMMODORE'S CORNER

NICK COLLETTI



Dear TYC Members:

The year 2025 was an interesting year, to say the least. It was one filled with meaningful achievements and memorable moments.

The Fishing Rodeo was, as always, a great success, bringing in new potential members and getting the next generation of sailors out enjoying the water.

The return of the Calypso Celebration, the roasted pig and the limbo game were a huge hit—drawing visitors and past members from out of state who traveled specifically to attend the celebration.

As always, TYC continued to set the standard for outstanding food and exceptional hospitality, even growing our membership with 14 new members coming aboard!

The year 2025 also brought moments of sadness as we lost several longtime members who crossed the bar. We paused to honor their lives and grieved alongside their families. TYC honors their lifelong commitment by moving forward with purpose, ensuring their legacy lives on and that the traditions of the club continue for generations to come.

Fair winds and following seas,

*Nicholas Colletti*

2026 Commodore Elect

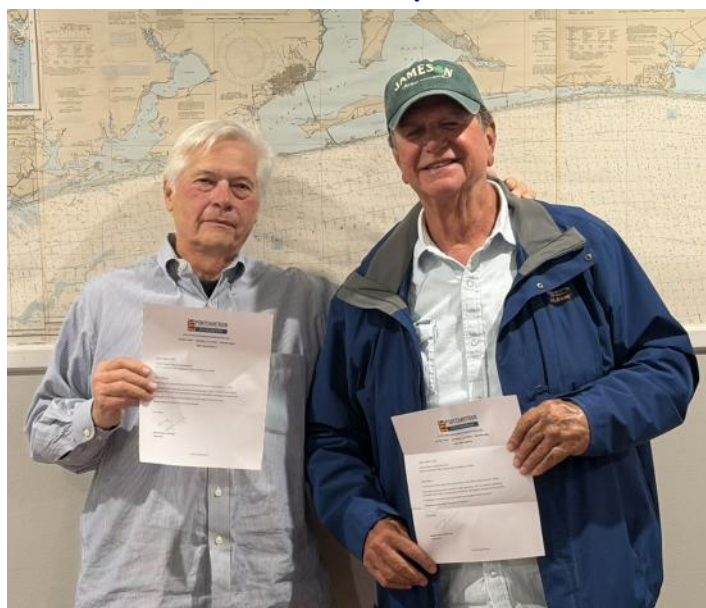


# TYC PONTCHARTRAIN FOUNDATION



The TYC Pontchartrain Foundation is a fully accredited 501(c)(3) entity and all contributions are fully tax deductible. Please consider donating time and/or money to this worthy cause. The TYCPF was founded by TYC members as a way to further the future of youth sailing, boater education and Lake Pontchartrain stewardship.

At our board meeting on December 2nd, we received our first donations, courtesy of Wayne Jablonowski and Rene Marques.



PLEASE DONATE

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

## TYC PONTCHARTRAIN FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Nick Colletti
Vice-President & Treasurer	Bryon George
Secretary	Patty Smith
Directors	Wayne Jablonowski Dave Lander Rene Marques Mark Phillips Wayne Sewing Tom Smith Larry Whited





# RACE COMMITTEE/LPRC CHAIRMAN



DR. BOBBY TASSIN

## TYC MARK COORDINATES:

“T” — N 30° 10.923 / W 89° 50.099

“Y” — N 30° 11.238 / W 89° 49.372

“C” — N 30° 11.902 / W 89° 49.247

Oak Harbor/Eden Isles Channel Marker 1 — N 30° 12.640 / W 89° 48.034



*Eight Bells* (Winslow Homer 1886)

*"Eight bells" primarily refers to a marking the end of a four-hour watch with eight bell rings, signaling "all is well" and rest time, but also honors deceased sailors, signifying their final watch on Earth*

**Sail on, Kenny!**





We lost a great friend and fellow sailor – Kenny LaNata embarked on his next voyage to paradise on December 13, 2025. Most of us knew him as a giving, respected competitor in our little world of yacht racing and yet, he was a man of many talents. He served as a past TYC Board Member and prior to moving to Eden Isles, he was an active member and sailor at NOYC for many years. He served NOYC as Secretary in 1985 and Vice Commodore in 1986.



Here are some memories of Kenny shared by NOYC and TYC sailors:

Kenny was so welcoming! <sup>His</sup> ~~the~~ was the first boat I sailed in when I got to LA. I was in Shidell, living in the HARBOUR APPTS, next to TYC. He had incredible troubles understanding me, but never doubted to have me, and re-invited me everytime. I learn a lot with him, and had always a nice attitude towards other sailors. I'm just receiving these news, and saddens me deeply. Hope he is sailing today, in perfect wind & weather, R.I.P.



tonight  
Happy Holiday Day!

TYC Sailing

Sun, Dec 14 at 10:51AM

Sad news this morning is that our friend Kenny LaNata passed away last night.



That is sad. He was a great competitor - doesn't seem like that long ago he was sailing against us.

He taught me so much. At least I can keep his legacy alive with teaching new sailors on his boat.

I am sure that our dear friend Kenny is sailing with a fresh wind in Heaven today  
God bless my friend

Very sad to hear, sailed on Weather Witch when I first joined TYC. I never heard him raise his voice.

Great friend and neighbor, a loss for us all.

He will surely be missed. Rest peacefully Kenny.





## LPRC

The LPRC Regatta Committee was able to fund donations this year to support Junior Sailing at all 4 yacht clubs on the lake as well as Community Sailing New Orleans. TYC has received a check for \$500 to support our TYC Junior Sailing programs. Thanks to all TYC sailors and TYC members who supported the regatta as well as our LPRC Sponsors!

### **THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS**



## TYC PONTCHARTRAIN FOUNDATION

The year's end is a wonderful time to consider donating to the future of youth sailing, boater education, and Lake Pontchartrain stewardship. As they say, "the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago and today." Contact me or any of our TYC Board members if you want to donate. The TYC Pontchartrain Foundation is a fully accredited 501(c)(3) entity and all contributions are fully tax deductible.

## JANUARY WEDNITES

Starting Wednesday, January 7th, we will have four weeks of review of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Burgers at 6:30 and presentation begins at 7:00PM. January 7th through January 28th.

## SAILING CALENDAR 2026

WedNite Spring Series I: March 11th through April 15th

Two Against the Lake: Skippers meeting March 13th and Race March 14th

WedNite Spring Series II: April 22nd through May 27th

WedNite Fall Series: Races September 9th through October 14th

Single-Handed Race: Skippers meeting October 9th and Race October 10th

LPRC: October 22th – 25th

*Fair winds and following seas!*





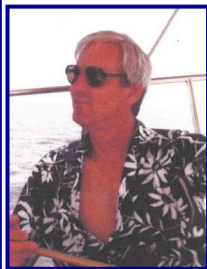


## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

### CAROLE LANATA & FAMILY



Please continue to pray for Carole and for the LaNata family and their friends. Kenny, a long-time member of TYC and a past board member of TYC, passed away on December 13, 2025.



Kenneth "Kenny" W. LaNata was born at Touro Hospital in New Orleans just a few minutes after his twin brother, Arthur "Art" L. LaNata, Jr., to parents, Arthur and Irma LaNata. Kenny served in the Navy at Belle Chasse Naval Air Station and was in the submarines. He was a civil maritime engineer and head of the engineering department at Avondale Shipyards.

Kenny loved sailing and spearfishing. He won numerous sailing races and regattas on his Catalina 22, Easterly 30, and Pearson sailboats, all named "Weather Witch." He won First Place in the USF&G Sugar Bowl Regatta in 1992; and First Place in the Nokia Sugar Bowl Regatta in 2001; and First Place in the Nokia Sugar Bowl Regatta in 2004. He was awarded the 2011 TYC Club Champion award by Tammany Yacht Club. He is a past Vice Commodore of the New Orleans Yacht Club. He was also a past board member of Tammany Yacht Club. Kenny was a long-time member of the Sea Horses Diving Club, and past President of the Louisiana Council of Underwater Diving Club. He won several spearfish and diving awards over his lifetime. Kenny was also an accomplished actor and thespian, appearing in numerous plays at Kenner Little Theatre; and also, several movies filmed in Louisiana, including playing the part of a Judge in the movie The Butler, and the part of a Senator in Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter.

Kenny was preceded in death by his twin brother, Arthur "Art" LaNata, Jr., as well as his parents, Arthur L. LaNata, Sr. and Irma Burgau LaNata. He is survived by his wife, Carole Hubert LaNata, and his two children, Michael W. LaNata and Kendra LaNata Condon. He is survived by his brother, Dr. Gregory LaNata (Sue); and by his youngest brother, Henry LaNata (Rhonda); and sisters, Darlene LaNata Carruth (Keith), and Donna LaNata Davis. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Carolyn LaNata.

A private memorial will be held after the holidays. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Louisiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)).





# First Mates



**PLEASE NOTE:** The First Mates' meeting will take place on **January 8, 2026**, since the first Thursday of January falls on New Year's Day. Please try and attend this meeting so that we will have a quorum to elect our **2026 First Mates Board of Directors**.

Anyone interested in joining the First Mates, please join us for the January 8th meeting and be a part of seating our 2026 Board. The annual fee to join the First Mates is only \$25 per year. Membership is open to **ALL** members of TYC, their spouses and/or their significant others, male and female. The application form to join is on the following page. Applications can be submitted at the next meeting (or any time during the year), along with the \$25 annual fee. All members of the First Mates are invited to join our private members only First Mates Facebook page.

Our First Mates' shirt design is complete—thank you Nicole! Please see Nicole to get your shirts ordered. We will need a minimum of 50 shirts to place an order.

First Mates wrapped up 2025 celebrating what we hope will be our 'annual First Mates Christmas Luncheon' at Phil's Marina Café. A good time was had by all and we look forward to building our membership and friendships in 2026.

The winners of our Christmas gift basket raffle were Tom and Patty Smith.

## 2025 FIRST MATES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Mary Watermann
Vice-President	Penelope DeRoche
Secretary	Nicole Gagnon
Treasurer	Pamela Redondo

## TYC First Mates Facebook Page

Private Group - Members Only



# Membership Application

## Tammany Yacht Club - Auxiliary First Mates

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (Spouse)\*\_\_\_\_\_

Member Number (Spouse)\*\_\_\_\_\_

Interests/Hobbies\_\_\_\_\_

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Please make check payable to **TYC First Mates** for the annual dues of \$25.00 and mail to:

TYC First Mates  
1196 Harbor Drive  
Slidell, LA 70458

\*Required







First Mates



12.6.2025



Annual Christmas  
Luncheon



Phil's Marina  
Café





# January Birthdays

MIKE FLOBERG—1/3

DANICA WILLIAMS—1/4

WAYNE JABLONOWSKI—1/8

TINA REDONDO—1/9

CHANTAL KRAUSE—1/9

NADJA SALERNO-SONNENBERG—1/10

ANNABELLE MCDERMOT—1/11

PEGGY RUBIO COLLINS—1/17

SHAWN O'CONNOR—1/18

VICTOR ECHENIQUE—1/19

ANGELA KEISTER—1/19

DEAN GAGNON—1/20

LINDA PHILLIPS—1/21

LUIS REDONDO—1/21

BOBBY BAUDIER—1/25

RAEANN NORMAND—1/28

SHERRY BEALE—1/30

KATHY HEBERT—1/31

RED SCHWAB—1/31





# ENTERTAINMENT

## CHRISTMAS COOKING DECORATING CLASS & THE START OF CHRISTMAS DECORATING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD





# ENTERTAINMENT

## TASTY THIRSTY THURSDAY - DECEMBER 4TH



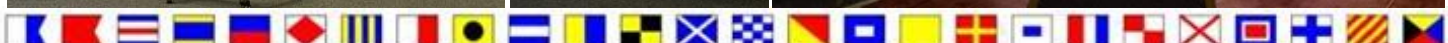
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## KARAOKE NIGHT - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH









# ENTERTAINMENT

## CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

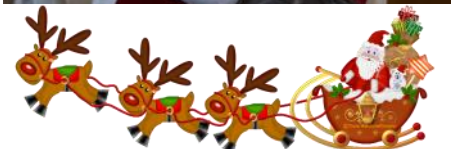




**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

Sunday, December 7th  
10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Join us for a festive Christmas Brunch filled with holiday cheer! Enjoy a delicious menu, champagne, and a signature seasonal cocktail. Santa will be stopping by for photos, and we'll have a holiday-themed photo experience to capture the magic. Adults are only \$10, and kids eat free! Families and guests are warmly welcome—celebrate together and make merry memories!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**









TYC Board

Vincent &  
Commodore  
Michelle  
Rabalais



Vice  
Commodore  
Nick &  
Adrienne  
Colletti



Rear  
Commodore  
Mark  
& Linda  
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Treasurer  
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Merry Christmas





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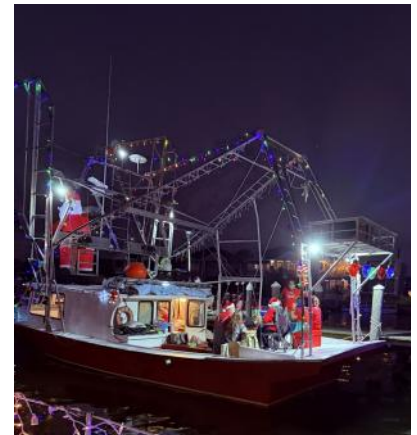
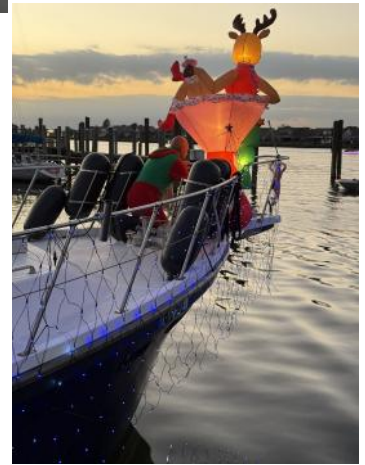
## CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH



### PRE-PARADE MEETING—THANKS TO ALL THE CAPTAINS!











Thank  
you







**A BIG THANK YOU TO KYLE BOWSER FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THIS BOAT PARADE!**





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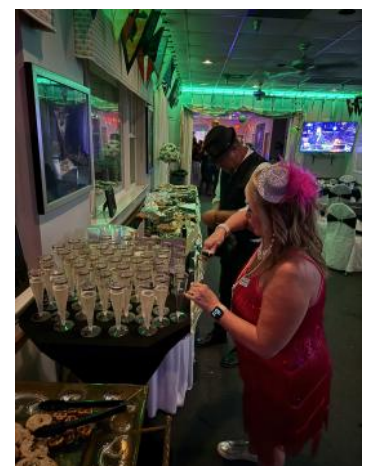
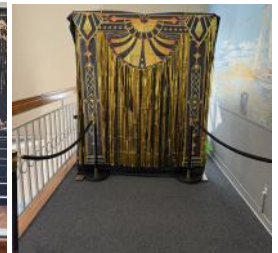
## NEW YEAR'S EVE ROARING 20'S SOIREE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST



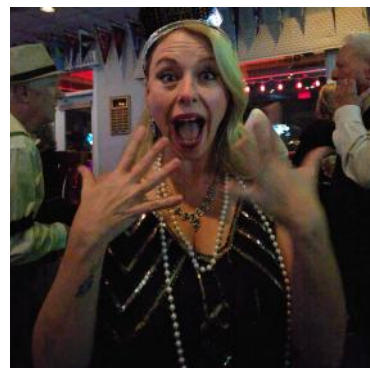
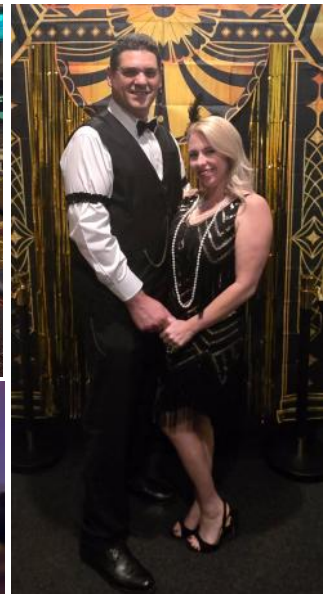
*Tammany Yacht Club's New Year's Eve Roaring 20's Soiree*  
Wednesday, December 31, 2025 @ 8:00PM  
20's Inspired Savory Bites, Jazzy Beats and a Champagne Toast at Midnight  
Cash Bar  
\$20/per person (\$25/per person after 12/21/2025)

*20's Glitz & Glamour Great Gatsby Attire Requested (flapper dresses, headpieces/suits or suspenders and Fedoras, top hats or newsboy caps)*

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# EDITOR'S COMMENTS

WENDY QUILLIN



Ahoy all and welcome to 2026 and the January issue of SpyGlass.

As the calendar turns to a new year, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the achievements and milestones that have shaped our yacht club's journey. We have weathered challenges and celebrated countless victories, from memorable regattas to numerous gatherings that brought us closer together—pushing membership to over 100! The spirit of camaraderie and shared purpose remains at the heart of everything we do.

This year is especially meaningful as we welcome our new Commodore, whose leadership promises to invigorate our club and steer us toward exciting adventures. The traditions we cherish will continue to guide us, but with fresh perspectives and innovative ideas, we are poised to make this season truly exceptional. Members can look forward to a slate of new events, more facility improvement initiatives, and spirited competitions that will highlight our love for sailing and our commitment to each other.

Let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead with optimism and enthusiasm. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a newcomer to our waters or just looking to expand your social circle, every member plays a vital role in shaping our club's legacy. Here's to a year of smooth sailing, new friendships, and unforgettable memories.

Happy New Year to all!

Sincerely,

*Wendy Quillin*





# **Tasty Thirsty Thursdays**



**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

If you have not already done so, please sign up on the TYC website to receive updated information via email. This is the best way to stay up-to-date on upcoming events. Our webmaster Beth does email blasts weekly regarding the details about the Tasty Thirsty Thursday menu and other upcoming events. We will continue offering grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and trimmings on Wednesday nights even though sailing has ended for the season. It is just \$8.00/ per person. Contact Beth to get on the email distribution list. She does a fabulous job with her event notices and you do not want to miss out.

Join us every Thursday for Happy Hour beginning at 5:00pm, followed by "Tasty Thirsty Thursday" delicacies beginning at 6:30pm. Again, emails are the best way of staying up-to-date.

For potluck TTT, you can bring a dish to share with at least 12 servings or pay \$10 per person. The Club opens at 5:00pm and dinner is served at 6:30pm.





# Friday Steak Night



**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Cocktails at 5 PM**

**Dinner at 6 PM**

**General Membership Meeting at 7PM**



**Sign up by 8 PM on Wednesday - Reservations are required.\***

**STEAK: Filet \$25 or Rib Eye \$25**

**FISH: Salmon \$23 or Tuna \$25**

**Potato and Salad only \$10**

**Salad only \$8**

**Child's plate \$10**

**50 / 50  
RAFFLE**

**Entrees include sweet or white potato, salad, mushrooms, rolls and cake to celebrate our **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS.****

**Dinner Bell rings at 6:00**

**\*Reserve on TYC website, at the bar or by phone.**

## **\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\***

**Please note that we can no longer allow walk-in/last minute purchases on steak night. This is because all meat/fish are purchased fresh to order for that night. Previously the club would order additional and freeze unconsumed meat/fish. I'm sure no one wants frozen meat/fish when the next steak night comes around. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.**







# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 2:00 PM @ Atlanta 	5	6	7	8	9	10
		7:00 PM TYC BOARD MEETING	6:30 PM HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS RACING RULES @ 7PM 	5:45PM FIRST MATES W/BOARD ELECTION TTT @ 6:30		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			6:30 PM HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS RACING RULES @ 7PM 	TASTY THIRSTY THURSDAY	STEAK NIGHT 6PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7PM	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			6:30 PM HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS RACING RULES @ 7PM 	TASTY THIRSTY THURSDAY	5-7PM HAPPY HOUR 	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			6:30 PM HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS RACING RULES @ 7PM 	TASTY THIRSTY THURSDAY	5-7PM HAPPY HOUR 	

**\*Events subject to change without notice.**





# UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE\*



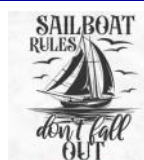
**TYC NEW YEAR'S DAY BUFFET:** Thursday, January 1st @ 1:30 PM

**FIRST MATES MEETING / BOARD ELECTION:** Thursday, January 8th at 5:45 PM

Please remember that your 2026 annual dues of \$25 is due as well.



**JANUARY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS / RACING RULES OF SAILING:** Every Wednesday in January starting @ 7:00PM (after burgers)



**FRIDAY STEAK NIGHT / JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Friday, January 16th @ 6:00 PM



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—SWEARING IN 2026 BOARD:** Friday, January, 16th @ 7:00 PM



Proposed future events:

Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14th  
Commodore's Ball (date TBD)

## Check for up-to-date events

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Please sign up for emails: <https://tammanyachtclub.org>  
Email is the best way to stay up-to-date on all upcoming events.

**\*The club is open to members during rentals. Events subject to change without notice. \***





# Tammany Yacht Club

## 2026 TYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore	Nick Colletti
Vice Commodore	Sandy Stone
Past Commodore	Michelle Rabalais
Rear Commodore	Mark Phillips
Secretary	Patricia Heindel Smith
Treasurer	Robert 'Bryon' George
Member at Large	Beth Applewhite
Member at Large	Wendy Quillin
Member at Large	Dave Lander

## TYC COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

House Chairman	TBA
Juniors/Summer Camp	Dr. Bobby Tassin
Membership	Mark Phillips
Entertainment	Penelope DeRoche
Finance	Tom Smith
Race Committee	Dr. Bobby Tassin
TYC Pontchartrain Foundation	Nick Colletti
Past Commodore's Council	Michelle Rabalais
TYC Rodeo	Rene Marques Mark Phillips
Chaplin	TBA
Fleet Surgeon	Dr. Bobby Tassin
GYA	Dr. Bobby Tassin
LPRC	Wayne Jablonowski Dr. Bobby Tassin Wayne Sewing
SpyGlass	Wendy Quillin
Webmaster	Beth Applewhite

## TAMMANY YACHT CLUB

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## TYC CLUB HOURS

Monday/Tuesday: CLOSED  
Wednesday: 5:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Thursday: 5:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Friday: 5:00 - 11:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 5:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
Sunday: 4:00 - 9:00 P.M.

TYC reserves the right to close early  
starting at 9:00 P.M.

## SPYGLASS

*The deadline for submission to  
the SpyGlass is the 28th of each  
month.*

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